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Queſtion.

Father, Is any lye of the Truth?

Anſw. No Child, for the Truth checks and reproves the Lyar, and he is not of Truth, 1 *John* 2. 21.

Q. *Father, is he of the Devil that is not of Truth?*

A. Yea Child, for the Devil abides not in the Truth, nor they that lye, *John* 8. 44.

Q. *Father, what is the Truth?*

A. Child, Chriſt is, which doth enlighten every man which cometh into the world, and that is the Truth which every man is enlightened withal, *John* 1. 9. *John* 14. 6.

Q. *Father, Is the light the Truth, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the*

World? and will this Truth, which is the Light, shew to every man his evil deeds, and manifest to him his evil deeds which he hath acted, and the Devil which is out of Truth?

A. Yea Child, Ye believing in it, for that wch doth make manifest is light, *Joh.*12. 36.

Q. *Father, Is there no other way to the Father, but the Light which is the Truth?*

A. No Child, For the Light is Christ, which comes from the Father, and is the way to the Father, who enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, *Joh.*14.6.

Q. *Father, Why doth he enlighten every man that cometh into the World?*

A. Child, That all men through him might believe, who is the light, *Joh.*1.7.

Q. *Father, Are all men to believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Are they condemned else, Father?*

A. Yea Child, *Joh.*3.18,19.

Q. *Father, Is this the condemnation, that light is come into the World, and that men do not believe in it?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, are men to believe in it?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, What if men professe the Scriptures, and do not believe in that which enlighteneth*

neth every one that cometh into the World?

A. Child, They that do ſo, they are of the Devil, and are as the Jews were, and they plead for ſin while they be upon earth, *John* 8. 44

Queſt. *Father, Do not many in our age not believe in the Light which is Chriſt, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and yet profeſſe the Scriptures, and do plead for ſin while they be upon earth?*

A. Yea Child, Theſe are as the Jews were profeſſing the Scriptures, and not believing in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and thoſe ſay they do believe in Chriſt; but they do not believe in Chriſt, which do not believe in the light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world: for the true light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world is the true Chriſt, he ſaith believe in the light, that you may be Children of the light, *John* 1. 9. & 8. 12.

Q. *Father, Is this the true beliefe, to believe in the light, is this he that is born of God, which giveth victory over the world?*

A. Yea Child, 1 *John* 5. 4.

Q. *Father, Have men victory over the world who believe in the light?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, Have not all they which do profeſſe the ſcriptures, and do not believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, victory over the world?*

A. No Child, They have not victory, for they do not believe in the light that they may be children of the light; they ſay they believe in God, and in Chriſt, and they do not, for Chriſt Jeſus is the Light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and God is Light, and they that do not believe in this Light, do not believe, ſo they remain under condemnation, without the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, 1 *John* 1. 5, 6.

Q. *Father, Is that the light which thou tels me of, which I am enlightened withal, which ſheweth me all that ever I have done, and all the ungodly wayes that ever I have acted in, and all the ungodly deeds which I have committed, and hard ſpeeches I have ſpoken, ungodly words I have uttered, and the hard and wicked thoughts and imaginations which I have imagined and thought; is this the light which doth ſhew this, and make this manifeſt?*

A. Yea Child, This is the light which ſhewes thee this, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, *Eph.* 5. 13.

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Q. *Father, Is this the Light which men hate, becauſe their deeds are evil, and will not bring their deeds to the Light, becauſe the Light will reprove them?*

A. Yea Child, *Joh.* 16. 8, 9. & *John* 3.

Q. *Father, Will this Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, reprove him that believeth in the Light, and whoſe deeds are wrought in God?*

A. No Child, *John* 3. 2.

Q. *Father, What will this Light ſhew every ones words, actions and thoughts, and wayes, and deeds, and imaginations?*

A. Yea Child, It doth make them manifeſt, and it doth try them, *John* 3. 19, 20.

Q. *Father, Can any one try their Wayes, Words and Actions, Deeds, Thoughts, Imaginations without the Light which he is enlightned withal?*

A. No Child.

Q. *Father, How may I know a thought and an imagination from the Light?*

A. Child, The Light diſcovers them, and makes them manifeſt, which cometh from him by whom the World was made, which Light was before thoughts were, and if the Light be hearkened to, the thoughts and imaginations ſhall not lodge within thee, *Heb.* 1. 2.

Q. *Father, How muſt I overcome*

them, and where muſt I know the firſt ſtep of peace?

A. Child, In the light which thou art enlightned withal (which loving thou wilt ſee thy ſelf, and how thou haſt ſpent thy time) in that Light ſtand ſtill, and with that Light thou wilt come to ſee Chriſt the Saviour of thy ſoul, from whence the Light comes, to ſave thee from thy ſin, and that which the Light diſcovers contrary to it; thy ſtrength is to ſtand ſtill, and believe in the Light; ſo he that believeth, doth not make haſte, for he believeth in that which doth make manifeſt that which is to be condemed, and ſo doth not will, nor run, but cometh to know that the election hath obtained it, and doth obtain it; and ſo the Light will let thee ſee thy ſelf, and the Croſſe, which is to deny ſelf and to follow Chriſt, and he that followeth not the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, which Chriſt hath enlightned him withal, followeth not Chriſt, but remains in the ſelf, (not denyed) and in darkneſſe, *Iſa.* 28. 16. *Rom.* 9, 16. & 11. 17.

Q. *And of whom muſt I learn, Father?*

A. Of Chriſt Child, who hath enlightned

lightned thee, *Mat.* 11. 29. *John* 1. Christ saith, *learn of me.*

Q. *Father, Will he teach me?*

A. Yea Child, If thou learn of him which hath enlightned thee with the light, he will let thee see when sin doth appear in thy thoughts and Motions, before it comes into actions, and to abstain from it when it appears, and to shun all appearances of evil; for the Light doth discover it, and make it manifest, and is that which doth reprove, 2 *Cor.* 10. 15. 1 *Thes.* 5. 22.

Q. *Father, what difference is there between the Jews and the Christians in Nature, seeing that neither the Jews nor Christians do believe in the Light which doth enlighten every man which cometh into the World, which is the Christ by whom the World was made, and yet both will professe the Scriptures?*

A. Child, There is no difference, but these Christians do professe some of Christs Words, and the Apostles Words, which the Jews do not; so they being out of the Life, which is the light of men, which the Apostles were in, & so both in the one life, which is the old; they not owning the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, they are not come to him in whom is life, which

Light

light is the Life of men: and the *Jews* and theſe *Chriſtians* not coming to the Light, in whom is Life, they come not to the life of men, *John* 1. 4.

Q. *Father, Are Jews, and Gentiles, and Chriſtians, that do not believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, all out of him who is the Light, the Life of men?*

A. Yea Child, *Iſa.* 42. 6.

Q. *Father, What are Jews, and Gentiles, and Chriſtians which do not believe in the light, which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World (though they may profeſs all the Scriptures) are they all out of the Way?*

A. Yea Child, and out of the life of men, if they do not believe in the Light which doth enlighten every man which doth come into the World; for the Light is the way to the Father of Light, the Light which doth enlighten every man which doth come into the World, *John* 8. 12. and 14. 6. and *John* 1.

Q. *Father, Is this the way to the Father of Light, the Light which doth enlighten every man which doth come into the World?*

A. Yea Child, The Light is the way both to Jews and Chriſtians; Chriſt Jeſus ſaith, I am the way who doth enlighten every

every man that cometh into the world, and no man cometh to the Father but by me, every man having a light from Chriſt the way, it leads to the Father, *Rom.* 10. 20.

Q. *But Father, we ſee that the Preachers, Teachers and Profeſſors ſay, Chriſt doth not enlighten every one that cometh into the world?*

A. Yea Child, ſuch Teachers as are made by the will of man, and are ſet up by the powers of the earth, and not with Truth; but the Teachers which are made by the Will of God and not by man, witneſſed this true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world; and ſuch preached it, and was manifeſt to it in every man, *Gal.* 1. 1. 2 *Cor* 4 6. 36.

Q. *Father, do they deny Chriſt that do not confeſſe the true light which doth enlighen every man that cometh into the world?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, Is Chriſt the Reſurrection and the life?*

A. Yea Child, He who lighteth every man that cometh into the world, by whom the world was made, he is the reſtorer and the ſeeker of the loſt, and the reſurrection, and the life, and binder up of the broken, and he reconciles to God, and is the Mediator between God and man; he that

that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, he by whom it was made, who juſtifies to God, who breaks the bond of iniquity, and blotteth out ſin and tranſgreſſion, *Luke* 15. 12. *John* 11. 25. 1 *Tim.* 2. 5. *Eph.* 2. 16, 17.

Q. *Father, Is this the Chriſt the ſecond* Adam, *that bringeth back that which was driven away?*

A. Yea Child, The ſecond *Adam* is; for as in the firſt *Adam* all died, ſo in the ſecond *Adam* are we all made alive, 1 *Cor.* 15. 22.

Q. *Father, How died all in the firſt* Adam, *and how are we made alive in the ſecond?*

A. Child, he tranſgreſſed, ſo is in the ſin, out of the life in the death, death reigns from *Adam* to *Moſes*, for *Adam* having tranſgreſſed the Law and Commandment of God, ſo death reigned from *Adam* till *Moſes*, and ſo who be in the firſt *Adam*, they be out of Gods commands, they be in the ſin, they be out of the light, which is the Law of God, they be out of Truth, they be the old creatures who died in *Adam*; Now Chriſt is he that makes alive, and quickens from the treſpaſſes which the firſt *Adam* is in, into the ſecond *Adam* the quickening Spirit, and deſtroyes death, and the power of it, who doth enlighten every

every man that cometh into the World, that all through him, the ſecond *Adam* might believe, and might have light in him in whom is life, which is the light of men; man being in *Adam* in tranſgreſſion out of this light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, by whom it was made, he is out of the ſecond *Adam*, out of Truth, out of the light which is the life of men, and out of the way. the light and the Life, the way to the Father of Life; in the tranſgreſſion, in the Death, dead in the firſt *Adam*, though they may profeſſe all the Saints words, yet not believing in the Saints light the Saints was in, in whom is Life; being (I ſay) out of the light, and the life, they are in death: for none comes to life, but who comes to Chriſt, who hath enlightened them, from the firſt *Adam*, to the Reſurrection out of the ſin, Death and tranſgreſſion, and ſo comes the Glory which was with the Father before the World began, *Rom.* 5. 14. 1 *Cor.* 15. 47, 48. 2 *Cor.* 5. 17. 2 *Tim.* 1. 10. *Iohn* 1. 4. and 14. 16. *Rom.* 3. 2.

Q. *Father, Doth Chriſt enlighten every man that cometh into the world?*

A. Yea Child, *Iohn* 1. 9.

Q. *Father, Did not the world ſtand a wit-*

witneſſe againſt this true light, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world?

A. Yea Child, *John* 8. 1.

Q. *Father, And did not the* Scribes, *and* Phariſees, *and chief Prieſts, and* Herod, *and* Pontius Pilate, *ſtand a witneſſe againſt this true light, that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, which is Chriſt?*

A. Yea Child, *Herod* the Ruler put *John Baptiſt* to death, as many of the wicked Rulers perſecutes to death now ſuch as believes in the light, who was a man ſent from God, and came for a witneſſe, to bear witneſſe of the true light, and he confeſſed and ſaid, he was the true light that enlightned every man that cometh into the world, *John* 1. 6, 7.

Q. *Father, Did not the chief Prieſts gather Councils together againſt Chriſt to put him to death?*

A. Yea Child, *John* 11. 53.

Q. *Father, Could not the chief prieſts tell by the Scriptures where Chriſt ſhould be born? by the Scriptures theſe were wiſe men?*

A. Yea Child they could, but being out of the life, knew not Chriſt the ſubſtance, *Mat*, 2. 5.

Q. *Father, Did not they ſeek to put Chriſt to death that could tell where he ſhould be born by the Scriptures?*

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A. Yea Child they did ſo.

Q. *Father, did* Pilate, *which had the Original, crucifie Chriſt? he was a wiſe man, he had Hebrew, Greek and Latine?*

A. Yea Child, he had ſo, for when they had crucified Chriſt, he wrote his ſuperſcription over him in Hebrew, Greek and Latine: yea he did ſo, *John* 19. 19.

Q. *Father, do not the Teachers of the World tell us that the Original is Hebrew, Greek and Latine, which do deny Chriſt that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, and do not theſe ſet their Original above Chriſt, which deny the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World?*

A. Yea Child, *Rom.* 10. 9.

Q. *Father, What doth the light which every man that cometh into the world is enlightned withal, doth that light bring to confeſſe Chriſt, and to ſee him?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, can none confeſſe Chriſt but who confeſſe the light which every man is enlightened withal?*

A. No Child, For the light which every man is enlightened withal brings to Chriſt, and to confeſſe him the light, who doth enlighten every one that cometh into the world.

Q. *Father, Are all Antichriſts which*

do

do not confeſs Chriſt the light, which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world, but deny it?

A. Yea Child, 1 *John* 4. 23.

Q. *How and why, Father?*

A. Child, Firſt they denying the light, which Chriſt hath enlightened them withal in their own particulars, they are againſt him who hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world in the general, ſo are againſt the light in the particular, againſt the light in the general, and againſt Chriſt, Antichriſt, 1 *John* 2. 18, 19, 22. & *Mat.* 7. & *Mat.* 24.

Q. *Father, Then he that is againſt the light is blind; how can he ſee Chriſt, how can he confeſs him, is not this he that cries, Lo here is Chriſt, lo there is Chriſt, that comes not to the light which he himſelfe is enlightened withal?*

A. Yea Child it is ſo, *Luke* 17. 21.

Q. *Father, What then is this the Deceiver, that is from the light, which he is enlightened withal, and begets other people from the light which they be enlightned withal?*

A. Yea Child, that is the Deceiver, *John* 17. 12. 15. *Mat.* 27.

Q. *Father, Doth not he which is from the light which he is enlightened withal, who will not come to it, but goes from it, doth not he*

go

go from the Truth, and will not come to Truth?

A. Yea Child, *John* 6. 45.

Q. *Father, Is he not then of the Devil which did not abide in the Truth?*

A. Yea Child, *John* 8. 44.

Q. *Father, But what if he now do profeſſe the Scriptures, the Apoſtles Words, and Chriſts Words, and* Moſes *Words, and yet doth not come to the light he is enlightned withal, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, but denyeth this light which cometh into the world, may not he be a Teacher of Chriſt, of Truth, and the Scriptures, though he denyeth this light which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world?*

A. Nay Child, He is no Teacher of Chriſt, but a denier of Chriſt, which denieth the Light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, for the Light is Chriſt, *John* 8. 12. *Mat.* 10.

Q. *Father, Cannot men know the Scriptures, though they do not believe in the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, by learning ſeverall languages, and interpreting the languages, and teaching people their ſeveral languages, though they do not believe in the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, him by whom the world was made, ſhall not theſe know the Scriptures?*

A. Nay child, theſe cannot know the Scriptures of Truth, but with the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world; for he is the ſubſtance of what was written, and he came to fulfil what was written, the light did, and he is the Way, the way to know Scriptures and to open them, *Ioh.* 8. 43, 44. *Rev.* 3. *Col.* 2, 3

Q. *Yea Father, but I had thought if I had gotten the Scriptures, and men had gotten the Scriptures which ſpeaks of God and Chriſt, and the Prophets, and the Apoſtles, and profeſſed them, it had been enough, and carried them in my memory (for this is but a thing lately that we have heard of, of a light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, that every one of us ſhould be enlightened, and we not know it, that he came into the World, and that that light ſhould give us the knowledge of Chriſt, from whence it comes, and this light ſhould teach us, and this light ſhould let us ſee Chriſt, in whom is light; which light is the Life, and it ſhould let us every one ſee the way to the Father of Light, from whence light comes) I had thought getting an outward knowledge of the Scriptures, that had been ſufficient?*

A. No Child, for the Jews they had the letter, and could profeſſe *Moſes* words, and

and the Prophets words, and a Chriſt was to come, and they preached him, but knew not the Scriptures: and they did not know what they profeſſed; and they were in the ſame knowledge which thou now art in thy thoughts, who has gotten the Scriptures in thy minde, but doſt not believe in the light which doth enlighten thee and every man that cometh into the World: the Jews did not believe in the light, that did enlighten every man that cometh into the World, ſo they did not believe in the Light which they be enlightened withal, nor no more do they which call themſelves Chriſtians; and here we differ nothing from the Jews, who have had but a knowledge of the letter as they had, and have not believed in the thing, that is the Light, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World: and yet they are ſaid to be Chriſtians, and deny the Light which we all have been enlightened withal, and which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World: and have prayed for the converting of the Jews which do not believe in the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World: ſo they not believing in the light that enlighteneth

every man that cometh into the world, and have only a knowledge in the letter, but being out of the belief of the light, as the Jews were, and ſo both out of the Covenant, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World: what ſhould they have converted the Jews into, when they both were out of the beliefe of the light, which hath enlightened every man that cometh into the world, which is Chriſt the Covenant of Light? Yet they have talked of converting them, which have been onely in the knowledge of the letter, which profeſſed a Chriſt was to come, ſo as we have profeſſed a Chriſt come, but have not believed in the light, which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, ſo have ſtood againſt the beliefe: for he doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, that all men through him might believe, and with the light ſee Chriſt that hath enlightened them, *Acts* 13. 27. *John* 5. 38. 1 *John* 2. 18, 19. 26, 27. 1 *John* 2. 4, 5, 6. *John* 6. 29. *Iſa.* 42. 6, 7. *Mat.* 2. 4, 5. *John* 8. 39, 40.

Q. *Father, Then the Light that hath enlightened every one that cometh into the world is the way to the Father of Light from whence the Light came, who is not of the world, and is this the way then that enlighteneth*

every

every man that cometh into the world?

A. Yea Child, For it is Christ the Light, *John* 2. 15. to 20.

Q. Father, *what then every man that cometh into the world, hath a light from the way which is Christ?*

A. Yea Child, *Isa.* 8 10. & 49 9.

Q. Father, *what is he that is from the light blind, and what, is he that goes from the light from Christ?*

A. Yea Child, *Isa.* 50. 10.

Q. Father, *what, doth he caused them that are from the light to wander from the way?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. Father, *is not he cursed that causeth the blind to wander from the way?*

A. Yea Child, the curse remains upon him, *Deut.* 27. 18.

Q. Father, *He that cometh not to the light that he is enlightned withal, is not he to be condemned?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. Father, *but is not this light natural and a created light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and every man is enlightned withal?*

A. Nay Child, for he by whom the world was made which was glorified with the Father before the world began, by whom all things were created that were created,

he it is that enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, who is the ſecond *Adam*, Chriſt the Life and Reſurrection, all being dead in the firſt *Adam* in the Tranſgreſſion, and this Light which he enlightneth every man withal, by whom all the naturals were created, is not a natural light, but is a Spiritual Light, and an eternal Light, *Iſa.* 60. 2, 3. 20. *Iſa.* 42. 6. *Joh.* 1. 2.

Q. *Father, is this thē firſt Principle of the Pure Religion, the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, which is not of the World, which giveth the knowledge of him which is not of the World, him by whom the World was made? And is this he which gives us to ſee the World, and the God of the World, and the Prince of the power of the Air, that Ruleth in the Children of diſobedience? Will the Light let ſee this?*

A. Yea Child, the Light which cometh from him by whom the World was made, lets ſee him that Rules in them that are diſobedient to the Light, *John* 10. 8 *&c.* and 3. 36. and 4. *Epheſ.* 2. 2.

Q. *Diſobedient to what, Father?*

A. To the Light, Childe, 2 *Corin.* 4. 34.

Q. *Father, but what if I get a knowledge in Books, and Scriptures, in the Apoſtles*

words

words, Christs words, Prophets words, Moſes *words, if I get all this into my knowledg, and learn Languages,* Hebrew, Greek *and* Latine, *may I not be a Teacher of Christ when I have learned this, though I do not own the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World? and ſhall not I come to the knowledge of the Glory of God?*

A. No Child, thou canſt not come to the Knowledge of the Glory of God, neither art thou a Teacher of Him, until thou comeſt to own the Light that ſhines in thy heart, which Chriſt hath enlightned thee withal, which Light muſt give thee the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Jeſus Chriſt, 2 *Cor.*4. 5, 6.

Q. *Father, is all my knowledge that is given to me, and not given by the Light, will it periſh, is it natural?*

A. Yea Child, for the Light is it which gives the knowledge of God, which knowledge doth not periſh, 2 *Cor.* 4. 6.

Q. *Father, What is the matter that there is ſo many diviſions, and ſo many ſeparations, and Sects, and opinions in the world, and ſo many Teachers, and all in diviſion one againſt another, and will all profeſſe the Scriptures, and yet they are not in fellowſhip one with another,*

and every one will cry up his way beſt, and theſe be out of fellowſhip one with another ?

A. Yea Child, they are ſo; now theſe be out of the Light, in which is the fellowſhip which they be enlightned withal, and ſo be out of that which muſt give them the true knowledge of the Scriptures, which Light being one in them all, and they come to the Light, and loving the Light, they all come into fellowſhip one with another, into that that gave forth Scriptures, that is, into the Spirit where there is unity, and being out of this, they are all in jars and confuſion, *John* 4. 22, 23, 24.

Q. *Father, Is not this many Languages Babil, and many builders, where one plucks down anothers work, and why is that ?*

A. Child, that is becauſe they are from the Light which every man is enlightened withal, that with it they may ſee their works wrought in God, and the life that gave forth Scriptures, and they cannot ſee, *Luke* 17. 21.

Q. *Father, then the light being one, which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world, which light is the way, this way is but one, and is this it which is the way to the Father ?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, what is the matter of all mens ſtumbling in judgement and erring in knowledge and wiſdom ?*

A. Child

A. Child, That is becauſe they do not own the light which they be all enlightned withal, which comes from Chriſt the Wiſdom of God, which light gives them the Knowledge of the Glory of God, and brings them to true judgement; and the errour is out from the light: and every man when he errs and ſtumbles, goes from the light which he is enlightned withal, and he that ſtumbles in judgement is from the light, and he that walks in the Light there is no occaſion of ſtumbling, *John* 11. 9, 10.

Q. *Father, How is it that there is ſo much paſſion, ſo much wilfulneſſe and perſecution among ſuch as do profeſs the Scriptures, and ſo much hatred, that men and people have ſcarce the patience to ſpeak one to the other, to utter forth their mind one to the other without perverſeneſſe about Religion, and what is the matter with theſe? was this the Apoſtles practice, or the Saints, or the Believers, and are theſe in the earthly* Adam *in tranſgreſſion, or in the ſecond* Adam, *out of tranſgreſſion?*

A. No Child. They are not in Chriſt.

Q. *Father, what are theſe in the wiſdom below, and in a wiſdom that doth corrupt?*

A. Yea Child, For its earthly, they be in the earthly wiſdom, and the ſenſual, and diviliſh, & with this wiſdom which is earthly, ſenſual and diveliſh, are they profeſſing Scripture,

Scripture, they be ſo earthly, ſenſual, and diviliſh, that they have ſcarce the patience to ſpeak one to the other about that which they call Religion, *Jam.* 3. 5. and 1. 25.

Q. *Father, What are theſe the perverſe diſputers ſpoken of?*

A. Yea Child, 1 *Tim.* 6. 4, 5.

Q. *Father, Are theſe ſuch as pray, whoſe lips are polluted, and prayers abomination, that be in theſe things before mentioned?*

A. Yea Child, *Pſal.* 31. 18.

Q. *Father, Is the Religion here among ſuch, vain, where the power is not over the tongue?*

A. Yea Child, *Jam.* 1. 26.

Q. *Father, With what muſt all this be ſeen, and what is the way that every man muſt come into unity and peace?*

A. Child, The Light is the way which every man is lighted withal, and in him is the peace, *John* 16. 33.

Q. *Father, Is this the way to come out from the Wiſdom which is from below, and from the Knowledge which is earthly, ſenſual and diviliſh?*

A. Yea Child, The Light is the way which is the wiſdom which comes from above, which the fear of the Lord is the beginning of, which fear of the Lord is

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to depart from evil, this wiſdom which is from above, which is pure, gentle, and eaſie, it doth not perſecute any: no, for it lighteth every man that cometh into the World, *Jam.* 2. 17. 1 *Cor.* 1. 24.

Q. *Father, Is the new Covenant the everlaſting Covenant?*

A. Child, the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, this is the everlaſting Covenant, *Iſai.* 42. 6.

Q. *Father, Hath God given him for a covenant, a light to lighten every man that cometh into the World?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, what have I, and every man that cometh into the World a Light from Gods Covenant?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, What is this Light that I have from the covenant of Light?*

A. Child, That wch lets thee ſee ſin, and thy tranſgreſſion, which hath ſeparated thee from God; ſo God doth enlighten, God doth give him for a Covenant of light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World; that you might believe in the Light, and that every man with the light might ſee the Mediator between God and him, and might have peace

peace with him, and that he might ſee Gods Covenant of light, with which he is lighted withal, and know his Reconciler with which he is reconciled to God, 1 *Tim.* 2. 5. 2 *Cor.* 5. 18.

Q. *Father,* But *we have held up ſuch Teachers as bear rule by their means, which* Jeremy *ſaid was a horrible filthy thing committed in the Land, and we have held up ſuch Teachers as ſeek for their gain from their quarter: and ſuch teachers as have ſought for the fleece and the wool, and we have held up ſuch Teachers as Divine for money, and teach for money, and we have held up ſuch Teachers that are called of men Maſters, and ſtand praying in the Synagogues, and have the chiefeſt place in the Aſſemblies, and held up ſuch Teachers as teach for filthy lucre, and are greedy, and are covetous, which the light which* Chriſt *hath enlightned me withal, tells me are ſuch as the* Prophets *cryed againſt, & Chriſt cryed againſt, and the Apoſtles which were in the light with which Chriſt hath enlightned every man withal, with which light they ſaw Chriſt: Now I ſee theſe be the Teachers which deny the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, and keep people from it, the light which they be enlightned withal; are not theſe them that ſhut up the Kingdom of Heaven againſt men?*

A. Yea Child, *Mat.* 23. 13.

Q. *Father,*

Q. *Father, are not theſe the blinde guides?*

A. Yea Child, *Mat.* 15. 14.

Q. *Father, What is the Kingdom of Heaven?*

A. Why it is light child, *Luke* 17. 21.

Q. *Father, What is it that gives to ſee the Kingdom of Heaven?*

A. Child, The light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world.

Q. *Father, Do they that go from this light which they be enlightned withal, go they from the Kingdom, Light, Power, and Life, and Glory?*

A. Yea Child, *Rom.* 14. 17.

Q. *Father, What are they thoſe that ſhut up the Kingdom of Heaven from others?*

A. Yea Child, *Mat* 23.

Q. *Father, Then theſe be they that be all in the tranſgreſſion, that will neither go in themſelves, nor ſuffer others?*

A. Yea Child, They be ſo, and I cannot own ſuch Teachers which own not the light which hath enlightened every man that cometh into the world; I that own the light which I am enlightened withall: No, thoſe are the ſtrange voices, that owns not the light which they are enlightened withal, and enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, but are with the light condemned, *John* 10. 4, 5.

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Q. *Father, Then that ſpirit that errs from that which gave forth Scripture, that cannot hold them up that be in the errour from it; what be theſe they then that be in ſtrife about words, that be in that ſpirit that erred from the ſpirit that gave forth Scriptures?*

A. Yea Child, They be ſo, *Iſai* 28.7. 1 *Tim.*6. 4, 5.

Q. *Father, Seeing there be ſuch a multitude of people that follow thoſe Teachers that own not the light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, and the people deny it to many of them; how comes it about, is this the broad way?*

A. Yea Child, And many goes in it, *Mat.*7.13.

Q. *Father is this the wide gate?*

A. Yea Child, for Chriſt is the way that doth enlighten every one that cometh into the world, and they that go in the broad way they go from this way which is the narrow way which they be enlightened withall, and ſo they go from the Father of light, and theſe are they that go after thoſe Teachers that deny the light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world; and the Teachers denying the light, and the people deny the light, and there is a way, but its the broad way; but Chriſt is the way from the broad way, (which

(which is not of the world,) to the Father who enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, that all men through him might believe and come to life, he is the way to the Father of Life, so men going from the light, they go from Christ the Teacher, whom God commands to hear, for he is the Prophet which God hath raised up like unto *Moses* which God commanded that people should hear, *Mat.* 19. 22. *Deut.* 18, 18.

Q. *Father, Do all they which go from the light which they be enlightened withall and learn not of Christ, set up the heaps of Teachers after their own lusts, and be these the Teachers and Rulers?*

A. Yea Child, And these will not hear the voice of Christ, but hear those Teachers which they have set up after their own lusts, and these have got the form of godlinesse but deny the power, 2 *Tim.* 4. 3. 2 *Tim.* 3.

Q. *Father, How do they deny the power?*

A. Child, Such as go from the light, and will not hear the light which they are enlightened withall, but deny the light, such deny the power, for the light is the power.

Q. *Father, How do they set up Teachers after their own lusts?*

A. Child,

A. Child, They ſet up a Teacher which pleaſeth their own luſts, and ſpeaks the ſmootheſt and the ſofteſt words to them, and he that is moſt in the eloquence, and moſt in the method, pleaſeth them that be in the luſt: ſo every one that be in their luſt, have a heap of Teachers according to their luſts, *Iſai*, 30. 12. *Jer.* 28. 15. 2 *Tim.* 4. 3.

Q. Father, *Do theſe Teachers believe in the light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World?*

A No Child, If they did, they would not pleaſe them that be in their luſts, Ezek. 13. 1.

Q. Father, *Then theſe Teachers and theſe people both deny the light that hath enlightened every man that cometh into the world, and do not hear the voice of Chriſt, when came theſe in?*

A. Child, The Apoſtle ſaw it in his dayes then enter, which is now amongſt men, which is now diſcovered with the light which hath enlightened every man that cometh into the world, 1 *Joh.* 2. 18. 27.

Q. Yea Father, *But do not theſe which do not own the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, do not theſe hear Chriſts voice?*

A. No Child.

Q. *How*

Q. *How comes that Father?*

A. Child, None hears Chriſts voice, but who hears the light which Chriſt hath enlightened them withal, for he is the light, and they that hear the light, and believe in the light are the ſheep of Chriſt, and they know Chriſts voice and hear it.

Q. *Father, Is he the ſtranger that owneth not the light, and heareth not the light which he is enlightened withal?*

A. Yea Child, A ſtranger.

Q. *Father, Will he that heareth the light which he is enlightened withal, which is the ſheep of* Chriſt, *which heareth* Chriſt, *hear a ſtranger?*

A. No Child, Theſe know the voice of a ſtranger, and him they will not follow, and theſe know Chriſts voice, *John* 10.5.

Q. *Father, Are all they ſtrangers to the Covenant of God that do not own the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, and which they themſelves be enlightened withal; and is there vanity in their mindes?*

A. Yea Child, *Eph.* 2.12.

Q. *Father, are all theſe ſtrangers to the life of God, that own not the light which every man is enlightened withal?*

A. Yea Child, For the Covenant of God is the light, and none come to the

life of God but who come to the light, which is the way to God, *Iſai.* 42. 6.

Q. *Father, What is the word?*

A. Child, Chriſt is the word, his Name is called the word of God, who hath enlightened thee; and this light which hath enlightened thee, will let thee ſee him whoſe Name is called the Word of God: and there art thou to ſtand ſtill in the light, which cometh from the word, and lets thee ſee the word, *Rev.* 19. 13. 1 *Pet.* 1. 23.

Q. *Father, Is this the word that ſanctifies and makes clean?*

A. Yea Child, *Heb* 4. 12.

Q. *Father, Theſe Teachers that deny the light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, they told us that the letter was the word, and the Bible was the Word?*

A. Yea Child, But the Jews which had the Scriptures which did not believe in the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, they perſecuted the Word, ſo they which call themſelves Chriſtians now, which do not believe in the light which every man that cometh into the world is enlightened withal, profeſs the ſcriptures declared forth from the Miniſters of the word, but perſecute the Word, and them in whoſe hearts it is, and ſets the Scrip-

Scriptures above the word, *John* 1. 1. *and* 5. 38, 39.

Q. *Father*, *What are the Scriptures to be done withal, and of what uſe are they, and for what end are they given forth?*

A. Child, They were given forth for this end, that men ſhould believe them, and read them and hear them, and wait in that that did give them forth, to have them fulfilled, and practice them, *John* 5. 47. *Luke* 2. 21.

Q. *Father*, *Will not the ſpirit that gave forth Scriptures, own its own words?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father*, *Can the Scriptures be broken?*

A. No Child, *John* 10. 35.

Q. *Father*, *How is it then that men ſay they breake the Scriptures, and crumble them, can they do ſo?*

A. No Child, That is but their imaginations of the Scripture that they break them, their own conceivings and private interpretations, and imaginations, that they break; for the Scriptures cannot be broken ſaith Chriſt, who is the Light, 2 *Pet.* 2. 16.

Q. *Father*, *How is it that the Scripture is ſo dark, and ſpeaks ſo darkly?*

A. No Child, It is not the Scriptures that be dark, and ſpeak darkly; but it is

men that be dark, and ſpeak darkly; and it is thoſe men which be from the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, and ſo do not ſee the Scriptures that were given forth from the Spirit of Truth, that they be from the light; they that come not to the light which they be enlightened withal, they come not to Chriſt, and its they that ſpeak darkly, 2 *Pet.* 1. 20.?.

Q. *Father, How is it then that they who do not own the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, claim the Scriptures, and ſay its theirs, they that do not own the light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, and which they be enlightened withall?*

A. Child, They be out of that which gave forth Scriptures, and ſo that is the Spirit which did not abide in the Truth, but did in all ages ſtand againſt them that gave forth Scriptures and perſecute them; and though they might get the Saints words yet perſecuted the Saints life, and them that be in it, *Mat.* 22. 30, 31.

Q. *Father, What doth corrupt the good Manners?*

A. Evil words Child, 1 *Cor.* 15. 33.

Q. *How ſhould I know them, Father?*

A. Child, With the light which thou art

art enlightned withal; it will tell thee when thou doſt ſpeak evil words, or before thou doſt ſpeak them.

Q. *Father, Is the Pure known by refraining evil words, and having a bridle to my tongue?*

A. Yea Child, *Jam.* 1. 26.

Q. *Father, What do pollute my lips and make them perverſe?*

A. Child, Thou tranſgreſſing the Light which every one is enlightned withal.

Q. *How, in tranſgreſſion of it, Father?*

A. Why Child, not owning of it, but acting contrary to it, and ſo from the Light, thou art polluted, thy Lips are polluted, and thy Lips utter perverſe things, 1 *Tim.* 6. 5.

Q. *Father, Is there not then a falling into miſchievous Thoughts and wicked Imaginations?*

A. Yea Child, When thou goes from the Light, for thats the Light which ſhews thee ſin, and diſcovers them to thee, *Epheſ.* 5. 13.

Q. *Father, Will the Light teach me to forſake all this then?*

A. Yea Child, It will do ſo, *Titus* 2. 11. 12.

Q. *Father, Shall not my Lips be polluted*

and utter perverſe things if I walk in the light, and hear the light?

A. No Child, If thou hear the Light, thou turns from guile and perverſneſs, and that which doth pollute, *Mark* 9 7.

Q. *Father, Doth any man upon the earth own Gods Righteouſneſſe, but who owneth the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world?*

A. No Child, For the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, Chriſt Jeſus is Gods Righteouſneſſe.

Q. *Father, Who is the Lord God, and how may I know him, and how may I ſee him?*

A. Child, The Lord God is he that ſheweth thee thy thoughts, he that ſhews thee thy thoughts is the Lord who fills Heaven and Earth, and in the Light he is ſeen and beholden, and his Glory, I the Lord know the Heart, and ſhew unto man his thoughts, and ſo with the Light that checks thee for ſin and unholineſſe, and turns thee to holineſſe, with that God is ſeen who is Holy, and without holineſſe none can ſee him.

Q. *Father, are all the inſtructions upon the Earth the inſtructions of erronr, which denyeth the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World?*

A. Yea

A. Yea Child, They are from the Light.

Q. *Father, Will here be my way of Peace?*

A. Yea Child, Here will be thy way of Peace, but if thou act contrary to the Light, and doſt not believe in the Light which thou art enlightned withal, thou wilt not have peace, but have trouble; For in me ye ſhall have peace, ſaith Chriſt, who enlightneth thee, *Luke* 1. 79 *John* 16. 33.

Q. *Yea Father, But the Teachers of the world ſay, that every one was not enlightned with the Light, and they were the Miniſters of Chriſt ſent into the World, they ſaid?*

A. But Child, Chriſt never ſent any to deny his Doctrine, who is the Light that hath enlightned every man that cometh into the world, *John* 1. 9.

Q. *Father, Are theſe the Anti-chriſts that deny the Light which they are enlightned withal, and every man that cometh into the World?*

A. Yea Child, They are the Antichriſts which deny the Light which they are enlightned withal, 1 *John* 2. 22.

Q. *Father, What is it to love my neighbour as my ſelf, and how muſt I come to that, and love God above all?*

A. Child, If thou love the Light which thou art enlightned withal, thou loveſt God, who is Light, & this Light brings thee

not to bear falſe witneſſe, nor to covet, not to do any murther, not to ſteal, not to commit adultery, not to bow to any Image, nor not to covet any thing thy Neighbour hath that is his; for it will not that any ſhould do ſo unto thee, and it will not let thee do ſo to any one; as thou loves the Light, thou loves God who is Light, and thou loves thy neighbour who is enlightned with the ſame Light, and this brings to be nigh together, joyns you together into unity, this brings to deny thy ſelf, and to Love God above all thy Goods and things created, and this brings to Love God with all thy minde, and all thy Soul, and thy Neighbour as thy ſelf, and ſo the Law is fulfil'd in one word, 1 *John* 1. 5. *Rom.* 13. 8, 9, 10. *Mat.* 7. 12. 2 *Cor.* 3. 11. *Deut.* 6.

Q. *Father, Are they Chriſtians that are crying up* Ezras *Pulpit, and the Prieſthood that take Tithes, and the Temple, and the Ordinances that are in the firſt Covenant, and have not the Law of God put in their minds, and written in their hearts?*

A. No Child, For they are Chriſtians that are in the ſecond Covenant, the ſecond Prieſthood, he hath blotted out the hand-writing of Ordinances, changed their Prieſthood, diſanulled the command

mand that gave them Tithes, and the Law by which they were made the firſt Prieſthood; He hath Writ his Law in his Peoples Hearts and Minds, and puts his Spirit in their inward parts, and they have received the Light, which they be enlightned withal, theſe be the Chriſtians, theſe are in Chriſt, and theſe are the New Creatures, whoſe Bodies are the Temples of God, 1 *Pet.* 2. 9. *Col.* 2. *Heb.* 7. 12. & 8. 10. 2 *Cor.* 5. 17.

Q. *Father, They that be in the light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, they be in the Covenant then?*

A. Yea Child they be ſo, and come to know their election then, and the Lambs Book of Life, which was before the World was; They that own the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, they come to know this, they do, yea, they do ſo, 1 *Theſ.* 1. 4. *Rev.* 21. 17.

Q. *Father, They that do deny the Light which every man is enlightned withal, they do altogether live in the old things, do they not?*

A. Yea Child, And are the old Creatures, and the old man, *Epheſ.* 4. 22.

Q. *Father, Are theſe they then that hold up the Prieſts that take Tithes, and hold up Synagogue, and Temple and Ordinances that Chriſt hath blotted out?*

A. Yea

A. Yea child, Theſe be they that do ſo, that be out of the Light, for Tithes was an Ordinance of the firſt Prieſthood; but they that be in the Light that comes from Chriſt Jeſus, ſee another Prieſthood eſtabliſhed, and the former done away with its Ordinances; they ſee other Temples then thoſe made with hands, *Heb.* 7. *Col.* 2. 1 *Cor.* 3. 17.

Q. *Father, Do theſe come to know whether their Bodies are the Temples of the Holy Ghoſt?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, Do theſe come to know all things to become new?*

A. Yea Child, New Covenant, new Prieſthood, new Temple, new Way, living Way, a new Teacher Chriſt Jeſus, who ſaith, Learn of Me, and this is my beloved Son ſaith God, hear ye him. Now they which do not own the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, they are crying up the firſt Prieſthood, and ſay, the Lips of them muſt preſerve their Knowledge, and them that hold up Prieſt, Synagogue, Temple and Jews Sabbath; and theſe do not own the Light which every man that cometh into the world is enlightened withal; and theſe be in the old things,

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out of the new, which own not the Light, 2 *Cor.* 5. 17. *Heb.* 10. *Mal.* 2. 7.

Q. *Father, Do none own the new things, nor none own the new creature, but who own the light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world?*

A. No Child, For the Light is Chriſt, which maketh all new, which Light doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world.

Q. *Father, Why then is not the worſhip of God new?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, Was not the worſhip once at* Jeruſalem, *and at the Mountain where* Jacobs *Well was?*

A. Yea Child, There was a Worſhip there at the Mountain and at *Jeruſalem.*

Q. *Father, Did Chriſt deny that Worſhip?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *And them for worſhipping there Father?*

A Yea Child, Who ſaid, not at *Jeruſalem*, nor at this Mountain; but they that worſhip the Father, muſt worſhip him in Spirit and in Truth, *John* 4. 21, 22, 23.

Q. *Father, If he is not worſhipped at Jeruſalem, nor at the Mountain where Jacobs well was,*

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how comes he now to be worſhipped in theſe houſes which the Papiſts *built, as the Teachers of the world ſay, they worſhip him there?*

A. Nay Child, They worſhip they know not what, for God is a Spirit, and he muſt be worſhipped in the Spirit and in the Truth, and ſuch he ſeeks to worſhip him, the Father of ſpirits.

Q. Father, *what is the Truth in which he is worſhipped?*

A. Child, That is the Truth which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, which the Divel abode not in, but is out off, and every man being enlightned with the Truth, if he come to Truth, he comes to that the Devil abode not in, but is out of, and in this is God worſhipped, and in the Spirit, *John* 8. 44.

Q. Father, *Cannot men worſhip God in the Truth, if they believe not in the Light which they are enlightned withal, and which hath enlightned every man that cometh into the World?*

A. No Child, He that hath not believed in the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, doth not believe in the Truth.

Q. Father, *is the Light the Truth?*

A. Yea Child, *John* 1. 14. & 8. 12.

Q. Father, *Muſt not I tell a lie, if it bring me in gain, or my* Father *gain, or my Mother gain,*

gain, or Siſters gain, or any of my friends or neighbours gain?

A. Nay Child, If it bring in gain; but ſpeak the truth, and loſe the gain that the lie would bring in to thee, for that will bring thee into ſcorn, and he that lies, goes out of truth, as the Devil did, who ſpake a lie, he ſpake of himſelf, and he abode not in the truth, for he ſaid to the woman, Thou mayeſt eat, when God ſaid, Thou mayeſt not eat; ſo he ſpake a lie, and he ſpake of himſelf, *Zach.* 8. 16, 17. *Gen.* 3. 4, 5.

Q. *Father, Is there any command from God that men ſhould ſin, or commit ſin?*

A. Nay Child, The light which cometh from Chriſt, will let thee ſee that ſin is out of the truth; ſo there is no command to ſin from God who is pure, 1 *John* 3. 8.

Q. *Father, May not one cozen or cheat, or over-reach people in bargains and meaſures, to get gain if I can do it privately?*

A. Nay Child, Thou ought not if thou canſt do it privately; for a couzener is out of truth, and doth not do the thing that is true, and if he over-reach another, he doth not the thing that is righteous, but deceiveth the thing that is ſimple and innocent, and he that acts the thing that is falſe, acts the thing that is

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not righteous, and ſo his works are not wrought in God, and his works that are not wrought in God, they are all to be reproved with the light which thou art enlightened withal, which will let thee ſee and bring thee from off all falſe weights and meaſures, and that which is falſe is not true, and that will bring thee to ſorrow in the end, though for a time they ſeem ſweet, yet the reward of it will be bitter to him that the ſin ſeemeth ſweet to: now the light will let thee ſee this (before thy miſery come) which teſtifieth againſt the world, that the works of it are evil, *Iohn* 3. 19, 20. *Prov.* 20. 10. and 7. 10. &c.

Q. *Father, May not I follow games and pleaſures, and make jeſts and Rhimes, and go to Dancing, and Fidlers and Wakes, and Bowls, and Matches at Footbal, and playing at Cudgels, and take pleaſure in theſe things?*

A. Nay Child, For this is a taking pleaſure in the fleſh; and this is that birth that perſecuteth the Spirit; and this is that which is from the light, which witneſſeth of Chriſt, and would ſlay it, which birth taking pleaſure in the fleſh, which fleſh glories; this fleſh that glories, and birth born of the fleſh, is not the birth born of the Lord, and which in him takes

takes pleaſure, in which the Lord hath delight; Now he that believeth in the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, he comes to witneſs the birth not born of the fleſh, which taketh pleaſure in the Lord; and thoſe pleaſures that do but recreate the fleſh, and the birth born of the fleſh he denies; for he that is born of the Spirit, which is perſecuted of him that is born of the fleſh, keeps down that nature, keeps down that birth and judgeth it which is born of the fleſh, and recreates and takes pleaſure in ſports, and there hath its liberty, and there its glory, fleſh glories, and the birth which takes pleaſure in the Lord which anſwers the light in every man, which he is enlightened withal, ſtands a witneſſe againſt that birth born of the fleſh, which fleſh glories in his ſports and paſtimes, there doth that perſecute, *Gal.* 4. 29. *Rom.* 8. 13. *Jer.* 9. 23.

Q. *Father, What is the higher power, to which the Soul muſt be ſubject to; is there a power that muſt not be ſubjected to; what is that power?*

A. Child, That is the power which did not abide in the Truth, which muſt not be ſubjected to, but that is the higher power which the Soul muſt be ſubject to, which is

is above that which did not abide in the truth; ſo this power is above that which did go out of the truth, which ſpake of himſelfe; the Devil ſpake of himſelf, and he ſpake a lie, ſo he that ſpeaks of himſelf, doth not follow Chriſt, who hath enlightened him, to deny himſelf, and ſo he denying ſelf, ſelf ſhall not ſpeak, *Rom.* 13. 1. *John* 8. 44.

Q. *Father, What is ſelf?*

A. Child, He that ſpeaks and doth not follow Chriſt; And it ſelf doth ſpeak, and act, and rule, there the light is not owned, and Chriſt is not followed, and ſelf is not denyed; And this light which Chriſt hath enlightened thee withal, will tell thee thou muſt not ſpeak evil of any man, *Rom.* 13. 9.

Q. *Father, What is it to ſpeak evil of any man?*

A. Child, That is, not to ſpeak the Truth; And the light which thou art enlightened withal, it will let thee ſee thou muſt ſcoffe none, reproach none, back-bite none, envy none, nor have malice at any, but to be meek and humble; the light with which thou art enlightened withal will let thee ſee this, that all this is contrary to the light, and is not to be hearkned to, which who follows, learns not of Chriſt, *Mat.* 5. 44. Q. *Fa-*

Q. *Father, How may I know the children of God from the children of the Devil?*

A. Child, The children of God they believe in the light which they be enlightned withal; ſo are children of light born of God. The children of the Devil do not believe in the light which every man is enlightened withal; ſo they do not believe in the Truth, but deny this Light, and this light torments them which they are from, and this is the condemnation of them, 1 *John* 3. 10. *John* 3. 19.

Q. *Father, But I who am enlightened with the light which is the Truth, ſhall not I ſee temptations?*

A. Yea Child, The light will let thee ſee them, and it will let thee ſee that ſin lyeth at the door; and thou loving the light which lets thee ſee them, the judgement will be ſet up at the gate, and if that ſin do lie at the door, and the temptation come thither, why its without, heed not it, but heed the light Chriſt, who hath enlightened thee, him by whom the world was made; and here thou wilt witneſſe a greater revealed in thee than he that is in the world; ſo he that believes, he overcomes the world; for Chriſt who hath enlightened every man that cometh into the world, who is the Truth, was tempted

to fall down to him who was out of the truth ; Now if he tempt thee which is out of the truth, and abode not in it, (mark) if he tempt thee which is out of the truth, which thou art in, never fear him, but fear God then, and ſubmit to truth, and dwel in it, and ſtand ſtill in truth, for there thou receiveſt power which keeps thee above temptation of him that is out of the truth, out of the light; For the light is the Truth, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, *Gen.* 4. 7. 1 *Iohn* 4. 4. *Mat.* 4. 4. *Iohn* 8. 34.

Q. *Father, Did the Apoſtles witneſſe this Doctrine the light, did they preach it ?*

A. Yea Child, For the Apoſtle when he was brought before the Heathen, in his examination, he made a confeſſion that he was ſent to turn the people from the darkneſſe to the light, and from the power of Satan to God, which they were in. Now theſe are the Miniſters of Satan which deny the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, and keep people from it; Theſe are they that turn people from the power of God to Satan ; and theſe are the Miniſters of Satan, and the falſe Apoſtles, who turn the people from the Light. But the Apoſtles which did

did believe in the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, which light he was enlightened withal, was ſent to turn people from darkneſſe to light, and did warn both ſmall and great to repentance, and to do works meet for repentance, *Acts* 26. 18. 2 *Cor.* 11. 13. *Mat.* 3. 8.

Q. *Father, Doth none come to Repentance or Regeneration, or tranſlating from darkneſſe to light, but ſuch as own the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World?*

A. No Child, For where the light is owned, the Light lets ſee the change of the mind from what it was in formerly, and changeth it out of that which it was formerly, & here is Regeneration, and here is turning it from the power of Satan, who is the power of death, he which receiveth the light which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, receiveth power over Satan, over Death, over the Devil, over him who abode not in the Truth, but is out of it; So he which receiveth this light which he is enlightened withal, and enlighteneth every man that cometh into the World, he receiveth the Truth, and the Truth maketh him free; and he that is made free by this Truth, is made free indeed, *Rom.* 12. 2. *Epheſ.* 4. 23.

1 *Cor.* 15. 55. *John* 8. 22.

Q. *But Father, if I ſee drunken company drinking healths, drinking Ale and ſtrong Beer, may I not go and drink with them, and keep company with them as they do.*

A. Nay Child, they be out of the light which they be enlightened withal, who be devouring the Creation upon their luſts, and be out of the fear of God, and out of the wiſdom of God; and ſo if thou go from the light which thou art enlightened withal, then thou goeſt among them that be out of the fear of the Lord, where the fleſh glories; which are out of his preſence, going from his light: Now thou mayſt go among ſuch to reprove them, thou who dwels in the light which thou art enlightened withal, to reprove ſuch who dwell not in the light which they be enlightened withal, and ſo are become riotous perſons, and drunkards, and turned from the light which Chriſt hath enlightened them withal, they ſmite their fellow-ſervants, and Chriſt who hath enlightned them, which they are turned from, will give them their portion with hypocrites and unbelievers; Therefore take thou heed to the light with which thou art enlightened withal, and with it ſee the Saviour of thy Soul, and eſcape all the pol-

pollutions of the world, *Prov.* 23. 21. *Gal.* 6. 12. *Epheſ.* 5. 11. *Rev.* 21. 8.

Q. *Father, Is that the Devil, and the Tempter, which ſpeaks of himſelf, which abode not in the Truth?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, Is he of the Devil, and they Tempters that ſpeak of themſelves, and are out of Truth, and do deny it?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, With what is the Devil the Tempter ſeen which ſpeaks of himſelf, who abode not in the Truth?*

A. Child, He is ſeen with the Light, which is Chriſt the Truth, who doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, and with this Light which man is lighted withal, which comes from Chriſt the Truth, he is diſcovered; who is in this Light, is of God, and ſpeaks his Word, which light comes from it, 1 *Joh.* 1. 5.

Q. *Father, Doth none ſpeak the Word of God but who are in the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World?*

A. No Child, For the Jews knew not the Word, who owned not the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World; the Word became fleſh, and the Chriſtians which own not the Light which enlightneth every man that

cometh into the World, they are not Miniſters of the Word, but of the Letter, they know not the Word, who own not the Light that enlightneth every man that cometh into the world, *John* 1. 14. 2 *Cor.* 3. 6.

Q. *Father, Do none ſee Chriſt the Hope of Glory, but who own the light that enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world?*

A. No Child, For the Light that cometh from Chriſt the Hope of Glory, which enlighteneth every one that cometh into the world, comes from the Hope of Glory, and with it they ſee the Hope of Glory, and come to ſanctifie the Lord in their hearts, and give a reaſon of their hope with meekneſſe and godly fear to every man that asketh, *Col.* 1. 27. 1 *Pet.* 3. 15.

Q. *Father, Will the light let me ſee my unſanctified eſtate, and when I am not meek, and when I am not low in heart?*

A. Yea Child, The Light which Chriſt hath enlightened thee withal will let thee ſee this; and if thou hearken to the Light, and love the Light, it will teach thee to be meek and low in heart; and if thou do not hearken to that which will carry thee up in a high mind, and do not hearken to the deceit which hardens thy heart, the Light makes it manifeſt, *Mat.* 11. 29. *Rom.* 11. 20.

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Q. Father, *ſhall I receive the Ingrafted word into my heart, if I wait in the Light which comes from the word?*

A. Yea Child, for the light comes from it, and the word divides aſunder that which the light diſcovers to be contrary to that which is precious; and it is as a hammar, and it is as fire, *Heb.* 4. 12.

Q. *Father, what is it that will give me to ſee him by whom the World was made, and him by whom all things are created?*

A The light Child which comes from him who hath enlightened thee, by whom all things were created, *Heb.* 1. 2.

Q. *Father, Is this the light which ſheweth me my ſin, and tranſgreſſion, and iniquity, which hath ſeparated me from God? is this the covenant of light by which I am united again to God, which doth make manifeſt this?*

A. Yea Child, *Iſa.* 42. 16.

Q. Father, *That which ſeparates me from my ſin, and from my iniquity, and tranſgreſſion, is this the light which ſeparates me from this? and Gods Covenant of light with which I come to have unity and followſhip with God and his Son?*

A. Yea Child, With which Light thou comes to ſee ſin and tranſgreſſion blotted out, *Pſal.* 51. 9.

Q. Father, *Is there no peace but in the*

Covenant of God, which is the Covenant of Light?

A. Nay Child, thou knoweſt ther's no peace if thou act out of the Light in the unrighteouſneſs, *John* 16. 33.

Q. *Father, Where is the way where I may be kept from all diſtractions and diſtempers, and drunken thoughts and imaginations and conceivings, and my own reaſonings?*

A. Child, Heed the Light, and ſtand ſtill in that now that diſcovers all this, and there thou ſhalt receive power to overcome all that, from him that hath given thee a Light to ſee all that which is contrary to the Light, and here thou ſhalt find the way of peace and eſtabliſhing, yea, the freſh ſprings of Life; be but patient and Learn of Chriſt, and be content, and thy Soul ſhall be ſatisfied, *Joh.* 1. 12. *Luke* 1. 79. *Joel* 2. 26.

Q. *Father, ſhall any man come to know Chriſt the Author of his Faith, which ſhall give him victory over the World, but who believeth in the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World?*

A. Nay Child, for the Light cometh from the Author of Faith, and lets him ſee the Author of the Faith, and brings him to look to the Author of his Faith, Chriſt Jeſus, *Heb.* 12. 2.

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Q. *Father, wherein ſhall I come to inherit life eternal, and how?*

A. Child, The coming to the Light and receiving the Light, with this Light which comes from Chriſt the Life, thou ſhalt receive the promiſe, which is eternal Life, this is the Light which maketh manifeſt ſin and death, 1 *John* 2. 25.

Q. *Father, but do none come to Eternal life, but who come to the Light which they are enlightned withal?*

A. No Child, for the Light is the Life; he that is out of the Light, is in death; he that waiteth in the Light, comes to inherit the promiſe and abide in it; And none comes to ſee the Son of God, and Chriſt Reign, but who own the Light that doth enlighten every one which cometh into the World, which comes from Chriſt the Son of God, and who receive him, receives eternal Life, *Heb.* 6. 12.

Q. *Father, The Miniſters, and Teachers, and Profeſſors of the World told us, that the four Books* Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, *was the Goſpel?*

A. Yea Child, They do ſo, which do not believe in the light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, which they that do believe in the light which

which enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world, the Goſpel to them is the power of God unto ſalvation, to every one that doth believe in the light; but to them that do not believe in the Light, Profeſſors and Teachers, the four Books by them is put for the Goſpel, *Rom.* 1. 16.

Q. *Father, Are theſe in the natural knowledge, and out from the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, which muſt give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, that put the four Books for the Goſpel?*

A. Yea Child, The Scripture ſaith the Goſpel was preached to *Abraham*, which was before the four Books was written; which Goſpel is the Power of God, and is everlaſting, *Gal.* 3. 8.

Q. *Father, The Teachers of the world told us that Hebrew, Greek, and Latin, is the Original?*

A. Yea Child, They did ſo, and do ſo.

Q. *And moreover Father, Such told us, that ſuch as had this Original, might open the Scriptures to the ignorant?*

A. Yea Child, They do ſo.

Q. *Father, But the Scriptures ſay all the Earth was of one language before* Babel, *and* Nimrod,

Nimrod, *the mighter Hunter before the Lord, which came out of the ſtock of curſed* Ham, *whoſe Kingdom God did confound into many Languages: and* Pilate, *who crucified Chriſt, when he had crucified him, he wrote a ſuperſcription and put over him in Hebrew, Greek and Latin, and put over Chriſt, and* Pilate *knew him not. Now if theſe Languages were the Original, which* Pilate *had which crucified Chriſt, and which Languages were ſtopt at* Babel *and can go no further, for all the Earth was of one Language before. Now to believe them that ſay this is the Original and they that have them may open the Scripture, which are learned men.* [*So* Pilate *which had that Original, a learned man, which was no further then* Babel, *which had his Originall, which crucified Chriſt*] *may be one among them. Now whether are we to believe the Scriptures, or theſe learned men?*

A. Child, The Scripture thou art to believe before them, and thereby thou may come to witneſſe the Word which was before the Scripture was given forth; and the Spirit the Holy Ghoſt, which moved the Holy men of God to give it forth; and ſo thou may come to witneſſe that that gave them forth upon record, that leads into all Truth, *Ioh.* 5. 39. & 1. 1. 2 *Pet.* 1. 21.

Q. *Father, What is the reaſon that all that which*

which is called Chriſtendom, is all on heaps about Religion, and Church, and Miniſtry, and Worſhip, and Maintenance, who profeſſes the Scriptures of Truth, Chriſt, the Apoſtles and Prophets words, and ſeeing that the Apoſtle ſaid that the ſpirit of the Prophets was ſubject to the Prophets, and the true Chriſtians was of one minde and heart and ſoul?

A. Child, Theſe are them that wants the Spirit that the Prophets, that Chriſt the Apoſtles was in which was in the unity and agreement, and theſe being not in the Spirit as they was in, they be all on heaps about their Words, Church and Miniſtry, and Worſhip and Maintenance, but had they been in the True Worſhip in the Spirit and Truth in which there is unity, they had never gone on heaps, the heaps is out of the Truth and Spirit, all the heaps is among the will-worſhippers that is out of the Spirit and Truth, and all the heaps is about Miniſtry and Church, and is from the Church that is in God the Pillar and Ground of Truth, without ſpot or wrinkle or blemiſh, and all the heaps is among the falſe teachers and prophets and Apoſtles wreſtling with fleſh and blood, that has not the ſpiritual weapons to cut down that which cauſeth the heaps: ſo all that comes out of the heaps comes into

into the unity, comes into the power and ſpirit the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles was in.

Q. *Father, Is not the Letter the light?*

A. Nay Child, Chriſt is the light; many had the Letter, and ſtood againſt the Light, *John* 8. 12.

Q. *Father, Is not the Letter the Word?*

A. Nay Child, Chriſt is the Word, his Name is called the Word of God, and many had the Letters which ſtood againſt the Word, which became fleſh, and dwelt among them, *Rev.* 19. 13. *John.* 1. 14.

Q. *Father, The Teachers of the World, and Profeſſors of the World told us the Bible was the light, and it was the Word?*

A. Yea Child, But it ſaith God was the Word, and it ſaith Chriſt is the light, they ſay ſo which are the Miniſters of God; but they ſay, the other which are the Miniſters of the world, made by the will of man, The Teachers of the World ſay, to the Law, and to the teſtimony, and they call the Scripture ſo. But many had the Scriptures, yet were not of the Teſtimony, and ſtood againſt the Law, and were tranſgreſſors of the Law, the Teſtimony of Jeſus is the Spirit of propheſie, and the Scriptures is not the Spirit, and the Law is light, and to obey the Law, is to reſpect

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no mans perſon, and he that obeys the Law, denies no Magiſtrate that walks in the Law which is Light, *John* 1. 1. *Rev.* 19. 10. *Iam* 2. 9. *Prov.* 6. 23.

Q. *Father, What if any man want light, muſt he look upon the Law and Teſtimony?*

A. Yea Child, For the Law is Light and the teſtimony of Jeſus is the Spirit of propheſie; but the Light of the wicked is put out, and the Light is the eye, and here the eye comes to be cloſed, and the Teſtimony of Jeſus not received, and the Light gone from, which is the Law, *Prov.* 20. 27.

Q. *Father, Is the Croſſe of Chriſt an imagined thing, or is it a croſſe of wood or ſtone, or any other thing that is viſible, invented with the mind; what is it? Or is that the croſſe of* Chriſt *that ſtands on top of the Steeple-houſe, or is that the croſſe of* Chriſt *that is upon the Mace, or is that the croſſe of* Chriſt *that is in the flaggs and Enſignes, or upon the weights and meaſures, or what is the croſſe of* Chriſt?

A. Child, The croſſe of Chriſt is the Power of God, which throws down thoſe croſſes that be invented with the minde within, or without, and the Power of God is the croſſe of Chriſt, which removes, ſhakes, and throws down that which is to be removed and ſhaken; which raiſeth up that

that which ſhall never be ſhaken, and brings where there is no ſhakings, & this is the power of God, which is Chriſts croſſe, which is a myſtery, 1 *Cor.* 1. 18. *Heb.* 12. 27.

Q. *Father, Is theſe Steeple-houſes the* Church, *or the great meeting places, or the ſeparated places, or them that holds them up which profeſſe the Scripture, which do not believe in the light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world?*

A. No Child, The Church is in God, which is the pillar and ground of Truth, where there is not a ſpot, nor a wrinkle, nor a blemiſh, or any ſuch thing, this is the Church, and whatſoever is ſaid to be man, is not the Church, for it will blemiſh, or what man doth ſet up or invent, that will blemiſh, and have blemiſhes in it; but in the Churches of Chriſt there is none; and man, & what he ſets up will wrinkle, & is ſpotted, but the Church of Chriſt is out of ſpots, or wrinkles, or any ſuch things; ſo for calling the great houſes Churches, thats ignorance; ſo for calling a company of people that are full of pride, and deceit, and blemiſhes, ſpots and wrinkles, to ſay this is the Church, which is the pillar and ground of Truth, where there is neither ſpot nor wrinkle, nor blemiſhes, nor any ſuch thing, that cannot be

be ſo ſaid, 2 *Theſ.* 1. 1 *Eph.* 5. 26, 27.

Q. *Father, How ſhall every one come to this Church, where there is neither ſpot nor wrinkle, which is the ground and pillar of Truth?*

A. Child, Every one having a Light from Chriſt Jeſus the Saviour of the Soul, the head of the Church, him by whom the world was made, he is the Rock upon whom the Church is built, every one being turned to the Light, he is turned to the Rock from whence it come, and ſo he is turned to the Church which is in God the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, *Heb.* 2 *Mat.* 16. 18. 2 *Theſ.* 1. 1.

Q. *Father, How is it that there is ſo much preaching upon firſt dayes, Lectures, Praying, and funeral Sermons, and faſting dayes, and yet people and Teachers continue in their pride, vanity, and perverſneſſe, and in their old wayes; and by all this preaching people are not profited, they are never the better? what is the matter that Preachers and people are both alike in profaneneſſe, Pride, Covetouſneſſe, and they are greedy as the people, for filthy Lucre?*

A. It is ſo Child, and the cauſe is this, for they are ſuch Teachers as the Lord hath not ſent, and ſuch as have not heard his voice, but they are ſuch as uſe their

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Tongues which the Lord hath not ſpoken to, which the Lord ſent his Prophets to cry againſt, which have not profited his people at all, upon whom night ſhould come, which deceive with the hard ſpeeches and good words, which the Lord hath not ſent; and theſe are them which do not believe in the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, and theſe are them which Gods anger is turned againſt, and theſe are them which the Lords ſervants did bear Teſtimony againſt in ages paſt: and theſe are found profeſſing the Prophets words, or the Apoſtles, or the Son of God, but are out of the life of the Prophets, Apoſtles, or the Son, therefore theſe are with the life of the Prophets, Chriſt, and the Apoſtles judged, *Jer.* 23. 21 32. *Mich.* 3. 6.

Q. *Father, Are we to hold up ſuch Teachers as bear rule by their means, and the Lords Prophets cryed againſt? Are we to hold up ſuch Shepherds as cry for their gain from their quarter? Or are we to hold up ſuch Shepherds as ſeek for the fleece and the wool, and make a prey upon the people?*

A. No Child, The Lords Prophets cryed againſt ſuch, *Eze.* 34.

Q. *Father, Are we to hold up ſuch Prophets*

as divine for money, and if the people do not give it them, they prepare War againſt them, and the Lords Prophets cryed againſt ſuch, Mic. 3. *and are we to hold up ſuch Teachers that ſtand praying in the Synagogue, and have the chiefeſt place in the Aſſembly, which Chriſt cryed wo againſt?* Mat. 23. & Mark. 12. 38, 39. Luke 11. 43.

A. No Child.

Q. *Father, Did Chriſt bid hear the Phariſees?*

A. Yea Child, ſuch as Chriſt cryed wo againſt, they had the Law, and they were to hear the Law, and do as it ſaid, and not as they did, for Chriſt was made under the Law, and came to fulfil it, and when he was ſacrificed up, he had fulfilled it, the Law; then he ſaid, go preach the Goſpel to all Nations; and then ſaid the Apoſtle, him that had the form of Godlineſſe, and not the Power, is to be turned from; ſo then we are to know one another in the Power, then go act the power of godlineſs, *John* 7. 19 *Mat.* 23. 3. *Gal.* 4. 4. *Mat.* 5. 17. *John* 19. 30. *Mat.* 28. 19. *Mar.* 16. 15. 2 *Tim.* 3. 5.

Q. *Father, are we to hold up ſuch Teachers as Teacheth for filthy lucre, and hath the love of money, are ſtrikers, and brawlers, and railers, and are covetous?*

A. No Child, For ſuch will get the form of godlineſſe, the good words, the Scriptures;

tures; but ſuch denies the power, therefore ſuch turn from; for a covetous man is a reprobate man concerning the Faith, and is an Idolatrous man, which faith purifies the heart, and keeps from Idolatry, and ſuch as be in the love of money erre from the Faith, and ſuch are pierced through with hurtful luſts, and be in the root of evil, and be diſproved by the light which doth enlighten every one that cometh into the World, and are acting contrary to the light in their own particulars, which light ſhall anſwer the light in them that walk contrary to it, which light the children of light walking in, are found in that light which doth condemn them and their actions that walks contrary to it. Chriſt Jeſus who doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, ſaith, I receive not honour of man, 2 *Tim.* 3. 8. *Eph.* 5. 5. *Acts* 15. 9. 1 *Tim.* 6. 9. 10. *John* 1. 9. & 5. 41.

Q. *Father, Will this light which doth enlighten every man, receive honour of man that gives it him, or one of another?*

A. No Child, The Light of Chriſt Jeſus teſtifies againſt the honour of man, and which receive honour one of another, *John* 5. 41.

Q. *Father, What is the honour of man that God will deface and ſtain?*

A. Child, It is that which men that be in the tranſgreſſion hath invented in tranſgreſſion of the light, which honour, God will ſtain, which who be in the Light, receives the honour from God, and gives the honour to God again. And here is the cauſe of men and women in the earth, being out of Unity and fellowſhip one with another, it is becauſe every man is from the Light which Chriſt hath enlightened him withal; for every man that cometh into the world being enlightened, and every man being turned to the light which he is enlightened withal, he is turned to Chriſt from whence light comes, with the light which every man is enlightened withal, in the light they will have unity, ſo in the light they ſhall have fellowſhip one with angther, every one living in the light he is enlightned withal, he lives in Chriſt, *John* 3. 18, 19, 20.

Q. *Father, There is no Antichriſt?*

A. No Child, Antichriſt goes from the light that enlightens him, and ſo is againſt it in others, and then ſaith lo here is Chriſt, and loe there is Chriſt.

Q. *Father, How comes the Antichriſt then?*

A. Child; He that hateth the light which he is enlightened withal, and heareth not it, he is that Antichriſt and the deceiver

deceiver, where the Thorns and Thiſtles grow out of, whoſe Fruits declares them, 1 *John* 2. 18, 19. &c. 1 *John* 4. 3.

Q. *Father, When they go from the Light which they be enlightned withal, do they go then from Chriſt, from whence Lights comes, and are theſe the falſe Apoſtles, them that did not continue with the Apoſtles, but went out from the Light which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, and ſo from the Unity and Fellowſhip one with another, and from the anointing which abideth within which will teach people, and as it teacheth them, ſhall they not continue in the Father and the Son?*

A. Yea Child, Then they began to go forth from the Light which they were enlightned withal in the dayes of the Apoſtles, and ſo went forth from the anointing, and ſo went forth to the falſe Prophets and Antichriſt, and ſuch as went forth from the Light which they were enlightned withal, and every man is enlightned withal, they ſtand againſt the Light in others, and theſe are the Antichriſt, and the falſe teachers which now are ſtanding in the World, which came in in the dayes of the Apoſtles, as you may read in the Scriptures, which now ſtands againſt the Light which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World,

that all through him might believe; which all that doth not, it is their condemnation, and theſe Teachers and people that be from the Light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, concludeth it to be a created Light, and a natural Light, by which Light all things was created that was created, and made that was made, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, which was glorified with the Father before the World began, the Sun was created, the Moon and the Stars, theſe were Created Lights which were created for him, and by him, and to him, which enlightneth every man that cometh into the World, which he that is turned to the Light, ſees him by which all things was Created, which was Glorified with the Father before the World began, who receives him, receives the Covenant of God, 1 *Joh.* 2. 8. *Joh.* 1. 2, 3. & 17. 5. & 17. 24. 25.

Q. *Father, Doth none ſee their Salvation but who are turned to the light which Chriſt hath enlightned them withal, and will the light let ſee Chriſt their Salvation?*

A. Yea Child, For the light comes from the Salvation, and makes it manifeſt.

Q. *Father, Doth any come to Salvation who hates the Light they be enlightned withal, and be-*

believes not in the light?

A. No Child, the light which they hate is their condemnation, *John* 3. 19. which is the ſalvation of thoſe that believe in it.

Q. *Father, Is the firſt day the Sabbath?*

A. No Child, Chriſt roſe on the firſt day of the week, and the Saints met on the firſt day, and the Circumciſion was on the firſt day, the eighth day, and the Jews met on the Seventh day called the Sabbath; ſo the Jews meetings differs from the Chriſtians meetings which meet on the firſt day, *Mark* 16. 2. *Acts* 22. 7. *Luke* 1. 59. *John* 7. 22.

Q. *Father, All the world is in confuſion, and why is it ſo, what ails it?*

A. Child, They are from the Word which was in the beginning, *John* 1. 1. from the Life and power in the tranſgreſſion, and ſo they be in darkneſſe, and ſetting up ſtrange Gods, and make Gods of that which the Living God hath made, and of the things which he hath created, and they be out of the Image of the Creator, and out of the dominion, and ſo they are in confuſion out of truth, out of the image of God in the power of darkneſs, of the devil, that be out of truth, & ſo that is the reaſon of their confuſion; God is not the author of it, but the Divel that

tempted man out of his habitation, ſo loſt his being, and loſt his Dominion over creatures, and ſo fallen into the creatures, and made Gods of the creatures, and ſo there they come to be confounded that truſt in their graven Images, and follows their inventions and imaginations, whereby they are confounded, and ſo not come to the beginning, the word which was in the beginning, *John* 1. *ch.* in which there is Unity, Peace and Quietneſſe, and reconciliation with God, and one with another, and with all things in Heaven and Earth, *Col.* 1. 20. and the Word is pure, which beats down that which is not pure.

Q. *Father, How chances there are ſo many Sects, and Opinions, and Judgements, and Worſhips, and Churches, and ſo many wayes in the whole World, and men are killing one another about their Worſhips, and Wayes, and Miniſtry, and Church, and they are fighting and perſecuting about it, and priſoning about the maintaining of their Miniſtry, yea unto death?*

A. Child, The cauſe of this, they be out of the life of God, and out of the Covenant, and out of the True Church, and out of the True Worſhip which is in ſpirit and Truth, and are not the True Miniſters,

niſters, but are out of the True Miniſtry, in the tranſgreſſion of the life, and out of the Doctrine of Chriſt, that ſayes, *love enemies, Mat.* c. 24. for if they were all in the Life of Chriſt Jeſus, and acquainted with the Life of God, and the Covenant of promiſe, and the power of God which is without end, and the Goſpel Chriſt Jeſus which is the Power of God, *Rom.* 16. which is the Myſtery of the Fellowſhip, they would be all in unity; for all Sects and Opinions, many Wayes, many Teachings, many Worſhips is not in the Spirit and in the Truth, out of it and the Goſpel the Power of God; For in the Spirit and Truth there is not many Sects, nor there is not many Judgements, and not many Wayes, Opinions; And ſo look over all the World with the Spirit of the Lord, and the Light which is Truth, and thou wilt ſee all Sects, Opinions and Judgements to be out of the Truth, where the enmity, the Devil, the wicked One, in whoſe heart he hath his authority, the Prince of darkneſs, and of the air, where the diſtractions and confuſions are, which carries them up in their imaginations, and not the Prince of peace, nor the prince of Life.

Q. *Father,* But *how may people come out*

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of theſe many Sects, Opinions and Judgements, and falling out about their Worſhip, and killing one another about their Miniſtry, Church and Worſhip, and Sects, and Religion, and Gods.

A. Child, They muſt all be brought to the power that anſwers the principle of God in all, the *Light* which Jeſus Chriſt hath enlightened them withal, *John* 1. 9. which they have tranſgreſſed, that through which power the Goſpel, life and Immortality may come to light, that they may ſee one another in the Power (in which is the Unity) by the life and immortality, and ſee Chriſt by the light which he hath enlightened them withal, which is their Saviour, and reconciles them to God; and one another, and to all things in Heaven, and things in Earth, and deſtroyes the Devil that went out of Truth, the Author of darkneſſe, where are the many wayes, many Sects, many Judgements, many Opinions, many Worſhips, many Religions, many Churches, many Teachers, whereby all that comes to the light in them, which Chriſt Jeſus hath enlightened them withal, they come to the one way that is, Chriſt the Teacher, who is the way to the Father, *John* 14. 6. out of the many wayes, for ſince man is drove from God in the tranſgreſſion, men

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are all run on heaps from the Power and Spirit of God, by which Power of God, life and immortality comes to light again, & by which power the Sects, Judgements and Opinions is broken down without the Life and Truth, which Power is the Gospel, in which the Mystery of the Fellowship of the Gospel, and in the Spirit is the Fellowship, which is the Bond of Peace, and the Fellowship is in the Spirit, *Eph.* 3. 9. *Eph.* 4. 3.

Q. *Father, Can these be said to be the Ministers of Christ, or the Church of God, or the Children of God, or the Worshippers of God, that hate them that they call their enemies, and persecute them to death for Religion?*

A. Nay Child, They be out of his Doctrine, that sayes, Love enemies, and overcome the evil with the good, *Rom.* 12. 21. It is the good that must overcome the evil, that is the good that overcomes the evil that is out of the Truth, and answers the good in every one; And so they must overcome the evil with the good, and so they must save the Creature, and bring it from under the bondage of Satan, that hath led it out of truth into transgression, and captivated it; so that power must be wrestled withal that hath darkned it, and bronght it into wickedness, and brings it into

into the liberty of the Children of God, *Rom.* 8. 21. and ſo not to wreſtle with fleſh and blood, but with Principalities and powers, and ſpiritual wickedneſſes in high places, *Eph.* 6. 12. 15. and theſe are the men that have the ſpiritual weapons, and hath the Armour of God, their feet ſhod with the preparation of the Goſpel, and their Breſt-plate the Helmet of Salvation, and are able to ſtand againſt the ſpiritual wickedneſſes in the whole World, and Sects, Opinions and Judgements, and can fight with them, and overcome them, and brings the Creature into the liberty of the Sons of God; and theſe be the Souldiers of Chriſt.

Q. *But Father, What Souldiers are theſe that fights with the Creatures, knocks down, ſheds blood, ſtocks and whips, and burns, and baniſhes, and ſayes, they are a Church, and are Miniſters; Do they worſhip God, and are they the Servants of Chriſt?*

A. Nay Child, Theſe are led with the power of darkneſſe, not with the power of God, that deſtroys his Workmanſhip; and theſe are not the Souldiers of Chriſt, but the prince of darkneſſes Souldiers, and the prince of the airs Souldiers, that ordains, ſtocks, whips fires, faggots, houſe of correction, Goals for Chriſt the Prince

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of Life, the Prince of Peace, which came to ſave men lives, and not to deſtroy them, *Luke* 9. 56. and he never ſent his Meſſengers or Embaſſadors and Apoſtles to ſet up ſuch things in the Nations, nor did his Church; though he ſayes, he brought a ſword and fire in the Earth, yet he came to ſave mens lives, and brought peace, *Mat.* 10. 34.

Q. *What Father, Be all theſe that go with their ſwords, their houſes of correction, and cauſes people to be baniſhed and whipt and impriſoned for the Prieſts Maintenance, and about their worſhip and Church, and all this knocking down, and ſhedding blood, and breaking up their meetings that be contrary minded, with ſwords, ſtaves and ſtones, are all ſuch Teachers made by the will of man that hold up ſuch things, and their profeſſors out of the mind of Chriſt?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, And are all ſuch as act ſuch things true Chriſtians?*

A. Nay Child.

Q. *Father, And hath not the Father ſent theſe into the Vineyard?*

A. Nay Child, He hath not ſent theſe into his Vineyard that deſtroyes the Creation, but whom he ſent into his Vineyard, was to preſerve the Creation;

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And the Apoſtles were to go into all Nations, who did not ordain in the Nations, Fire, Faggots, Stoning, Houſes of correction, Whips, Stocks for all ſuch as were contrary to their mindes, that did not own them, or ſuch as were convinced, & did go from them, they did not put them to death

Q. *Father, Was there ſo many Sects, Opinions, Judgements, and ſo many wayes, and ſo many Religions, and ſo many ſeveral Worſhips, and ſo many ſeveral Teachings diſtinct one from another, in the beginning? Father I look upon the World, and I ſee them all on heaps one againſt another both in the Teaching, and Church and Religion?*

A. Nay Child, All theſe things, ſeveral Opinions, and Judgements, and wayes, and Worſhips, and Church and Religion diſtinct one from another hath been ſince the beginning, and ſince tranſgreſſion and ſin, and ſince the Image of God was loſt, and man drove from God in the Earth; and ſo who comes to the Word of God which was in the beginning, they ſee over all theſe Sects, Opinions and Judgements, and Worſhips and Religions and Teachings, and before they were; for the Word was in the beginning by which all things were made and ſtands, and all theſe ſeveral Judgements, Sects, Worſhips about

about Scriptures, which ends in the Word which is the Life, and in which is the Unity.

Q. *Father, I ſee all theſe Sects, Judgements and Worſhips are not in unity one with another, though they do profeſſe the Scriptures of the Prophets, Apoſtles and Chriſt?*

A. It is true Child, that is the cauſe before mentioned they want the Word, which reconciles to God, 2 *Cor.* 5. 18, 19. and the Word in which they end, 2 *Cor.* 15. 18. 20.

Q. *I but what is the matter Father, that which is called Chriſtendom and many other parts of the World, that owns the Prophets, Apoſtles and Chriſts and the Saints Words, be all on heaps about the Prophets, Apoſtles and Chriſts and the Saints Words, and cannot agree about them, and all theſe profeſſes Scripture, and yet one againſt another, and kill and deſtroy, and whip and burn and put to death, and deſtroy one another about their opinion of the words and Worſhips?*

A. Child, That is as I ſaid before they want the Word Chriſt Jeſus, which all the Prophets and *Moſes* and the Saints words ends in, and the Types and Figures and ſhadows, *John* 1. for in the beginning was the Word, and ſince the beginning was the words, which Chriſt the Word comes

comes to fulfil, and ſo the Words the Scriptures of truth, learned of God the Father of truth ends in Chriſt, *Heb.* 8. 1. ſo they are called the Words of God, and the ſpirits of juſt men learned of God that gave forth Scripture, their ſpirits ends in Chriſt the Word of *Life*, ſo the Word Chriſt reconciles to the juſt mens ſpirits, and the Juſt mens words, and to God of whom the Scriptures of Truth were learned of God the Father of Truth, and here is an agreement and peace who are here in the Word, *Heb.* 12. 22.

Q. *Father, Is this for truth that all this perſecution, Baniſhment, Whipping and Killing, among all that profeſſe Chriſt, and Scriptures?*

A. Nay Child, Chriſt ſayes its out of truth, they do it about their opinions, and Church and Worſhip and Religion, its not for truth, Chriſt comes to ſave mens lives, not to deſtroy mens lives, about Church, Worſhip, and Miniſtry, *Luke* 9.56.

Q. Nay, *But Father here is ſo many wayes in the World, and abundance of them brings forth Scripture, and ſayes his way is the way, another will ſay his way is the way, and another will ſay their way is the way, and ſo call me now in my young age into fellowſhip with them*; Mat. 5. 24. *And I do not ſee Chriſts words*

words fulfilled among them which is to love enemies, for they are in hatred one with another, and doth not overcome the evil with the good, Rom. 12. 21. *Therefore* Father *what ſhall I do, what is the way?*

A. The way that comprehends all ways, and ſees before many wayes was, when many wayes ends, Child it is a light, Chriſt Jeſus, that is the Light of the world, & doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, *Joh.* 1. 9. Who is the way, the truth and the life, and ſo thou being turned to the light that Chriſt hath lighted thee withal, that in that if (thou walk) thou wilt have fellowſhip with the Son and with the Father, 1 *John* 1. 7. and all walking in it, they will have fellowſhip one with another, and this is the only way to the Father, the Light, which gives to ſee over the many wayes in the World.

Q. *Father, Here is abundance of Worſhips in the World, and moſt people worſhip ſomething or other, and abundance of worſhips in Chriſtendom, and abundance of changes in their Worſhips, and alterings in their worſhips, and abundance of deſtroying one another about their worſhips; what worſhip is this, is this worſhip in the Spirit and in the Truth,* John 4. 23. *and are theſe worſhippers, in the Spirit and Truth, that lives ſo*

proudly, profanely, and wickedly, wrathfully and maliciouſly?

A. Nay Child, Such grieves the ſpirit and quenches and vexes it, and they that are at jarrs and heaps among themſelves, and luſts, and Wars about their worſhip, 2 *Theſſ.* 5. ſuch grieves the ſpirit, and no man can worſhip in the ſpirit, and in the truth, that quenches the Spirit of God, 2 *Col.* 4. *Jam.* 1. A perſecutor about worſhip is a wreſtler with fleſh and blood, *Eph.* 6. 12. and he is gone from the ſpiritual weapons; And an envious and a proud man, and living in wickedneſſe, and unrighteouſneſſe, as the whole world is given too, and covetouſneſſe and filthineſs, theſe quenches and vexes it and grieves it, for if they were the true worſhippers of God in the ſpirit, then would all Chriſtendom, and all worſhippers that profeſſe Scriptures and worſhips upon the Earth, be in unity, and if they were in truth, they would be in that which the Devil, tempter, wicked one, enmity & adverſary is out of, and ſuch would be in the light in the truth, in unity; ſo all people upon the Earth, the cauſe of their being in heaps about their worſhip and perſecute about their worſhip, is becauſe they quench the Spirit of God and grieve

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it and vex it, and ſo flies from the ſpiritual weapons, into the carnal, into heaps about their worſhips which they invent, & they muſt not be ſuch as vexes and quenches and grieves it, *Eph.* 5. 19. for no one ſings in the ſpirit, that doth quench it, and vex it, and grieve it, but his ſongs muſt be turned into howlings, *Amos* 8. 3. and ſuch cannot ſing in the ſpirit that quenches the Spirit of God, for the ſpirit gives to underſtand, therefore ſuch as quenches and grieves and vexes the ſpirit ſings out of the underſtanding *Davids* propheſies and his prayers, 1 *Cor.* 14. 15. and his prayers, and his reproaches, and his backſlidings and his failings without the ſpirit, and ſuch will perſecute others becauſe they will not ſing as they do, for they that ſing in the Spirit and in the underſtanding they ſee *Davids* condition, the time he prayed and faſted, and the time he thanked and rejoyced, when it was in the ſuffering and when it was in the rejoycings, and diſtinguiſhed his ſufferings from his rejoycings, and did not put them together, ſo I ſay to thee Child, that if all Chriſtendom and the whole world did ſing in the ſpirit, and in the underſtanding, and not quench it and grieve it and vex it, in the ſpirit they would all have

had unity with God and with one another, *Eph.* 4. 3. for it is the bond of peace, and the cauſe of all their being on heaps is becauſe they quench the ſpirit, and be out of it in which they ſhould have unity.

Q. F*ather*, *Why are all Chriſtian Teachers and profeſſors on heaps about the Scriptures of Chriſt, the Prophets and Apoſtles, and are not in unity with the words, and one with another?*

A. Child, They want the mind and ſpirit that gave them forth, and profeſſes them with their wills which no prophecy of them came by, 2 *Pet.* 19. 20. and ſo not being in their mind and ſpirit that gave them forth, wanting the Spirit of God in which is unity, and fellowſhip and bond of Peace, to give them il peace and quietneſſe in which they ſhould have all fellowſhip with the Scriptures which was given from the Spirit of God, and with juſt mens ſpirits, and with God, and this hath been wanting one with another in whole Chriſtendom, the bond of peace; the fellowſhip in the ſpirit hath been wanting, and ſo they are all on heaps, and ſtrife and Wars about their Church, worſhip, and Scriptures, and Miniſtry, for the Miniſters of the ſpirit be in unity with the Scriptures, the Power, the Spirit,

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in every man, ſo they that be in the unity of the ſpirit, & the bond of peace, 1 *Cor.* 14. 15. they pray in the Spirit, they ſing in the Spirit, they worſhip in the Spirit, and ſo keeps unity, and the fellowſhip, and the Bond of Peace, fellowſhip with God, fellowſhip with the Scriptures given forth from the Spirit, fellowſhip with juſt mens words, and in the Spirit fellowſhip one with another.

Q. *Father, Here is a great ſpeech among all the Chriſtians in the earth about Faith, and every one ſayes, he hath faith, but how may I know the Living faith from the dead faith ?* Jam. 2. 17. *ſeeing that the Chriſtians tells me that my conſcience ſhall not be clean while I am upon the earth, nor I muſt not overcome the body of ſin, nor be free from ſin while I am upon the earth, nor be perfect ; they tell me that* Paul *cryed out of the body of ſin,* Rom. 7 .

A. Child, That is the dead faith, that doth not give victory over ſin ; and that is the Living faith through which men are juſtified, *Rom.* 5. and through which they have acceſs to God, which faith purifies their hearts, which faith is the Myſtery, the gift of God held in the pure conſcience, 1 *Tim.* 3. 9. and ſo all they that plead for ſin, and ſay we muſt not be free from ſin while upon the earth, and the

body of ſin, and we muſt not be perfect while we be upon the earth, their faith is dead, for if whole Chriſtendom were in the living Faith, they would be all in unity, for in the Faith is the unity that gives them victory, by which men have acceſs to God, by which they are juſtified, in which they can pleaſe God, which gives them victory over ſin, *Heb.* 11. 6. and ſo the Chriſtians have loſt this Faith; Therefore are they on heaps about their Faith, and kill one another about their Faith, and would have power over one anothers Faith, which is contrary to the Apoſtles Doctrine.

Q. *But Father, How may I come into this Living Faith, and who is the Author of it, and how may I ſee it, and which is the way to it?*

A. Child, Chriſt Jeſus that doth enlighten thee and every man that cometh into the World, with which Light thou ſees thy ſelf, with which Light (believing it) thou wilt ſee Chriſt the Author of thy Faith, who gives thee Faith, *Heb.* 12. 2. the gift to overcome, by which he hath given thee to ſee; And ſo with the Light thou looks unto Chriſt the Author of Faith, and he hath power of it who is the head of the Church, who brings

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all ſubjects in oneneſs through one Faith, Col. 1. 18. and Peace, and Life, who is the Prince of Peace and Life, *Eph.* 1. 28. *Eph.* 5. 23.

Q. *But Father, What is a will-worſhipper, Col.* 2. 22 ?

A. Child, Such go in their own wills that quenches the Spirit of God in their own ſelves, and vexes it, and grieves it, which Spirit they vex and grieve, in which Spirit they ſhould Worſhip God the Father of Spirits; And thus the Worſhippers of the World ſtand not in the Spirit, for if whole Chriſtendom, but in their wills were in the Spirit, and not grieved it and vexed it, they would be in Unity, and likewiſe all the worſhippers of the earth.

Q. *Father, But what is a fained humility, and ſelf-righteouſneſſe, which is ſo much cryed againſt ?*

A. Child, All them that profeſs Chriſts Words and the Scriptures, but hath not his Spirit and his Mind, *Rom.* 8. 9. 1 *Cor.* 2. 16. and is not in the Spirit that they were in that gave forth Scriptures, they will pray, and they will read, and they will Preach, and they will crouch with fained love, & perſecute, & kill, & murder about their Church, & Worſhip, and their Miniſters, being out of the Spirit that

the Apoſtles and Chriſt were in, *Phil.* 2. 5. and yet will ſay, they are in the way, which Chriſt ſaith, is the Devils way, going on to do his luſts, as the Jews did, *chap.* 4. 2.

Q. *Father, And what is the blind zeal,* Phil. 3. 6 Rom. 10. 2.

A. Child, That is a blind zeal, ſuch as profeſſe the Scriptures, like Jews, and be out of the Life and Power that gave them forth, and will kill and ſlay ſuch as be in the Life and Power, as the Jews did with their blind zeal, *Rom.* 10. 2 *Phil.* 3 and ſuch are mad with a blind zeal, though they have all the Scriptures that the ſpirit gave forth, and they out of it.

Q. *Father, But what is a True Zeal?*

A. Child, Such as be in the Spirit that gave forth Scriptures, and the Light that comes from Chriſt Jeſus, with which they ſee him, who are cloathed with Zeal according to knowledge, being come into the Light that gives them the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Chriſt Jeſus, and ſaves mens lives, and wreſtles not with fleſh and blood, as the blinde zeal'd men do about their Church and Miniſtry, which the true zeal'd men never did, as thou mayeſt read the example of Chriſt and the Apoſtles, *Col.* 4.

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Q. Father, *Can any pray in the Spirit that quenches it, and vexes and grieves it ?*

A. Nay Child, For they that vex the Spirit, and grieve and quench it, cannot pray to God the Father of Spirits, in the Spirit, 2 *Thes.* 5. *Eccles.* 1. 14.

Q. Father, *And is all the other babling that is not in the Spirit, and vain repetitions amongst all people in the world, and in Christendom among all Christians ?*

A. Yea Child, If all men prayed in the Spirit, the Proud, and the Lofty, and the Covetous, and the Oppressor, *Mat.* 6. and the Persecutor, the mad blind Zeale would be stop'd, for in the Spirit which they prayed in, they should have unity in the Spirit with one another, and with God, *Ephes.* 6. 18

Q. *And* Father, *What is allthe singing in whole* Christendom, *and in the world,* Davids *quakings, and his prayings, and prophecies, and reproaches, and they tell us they are not puft in mind, and have no scornful eye,* Davids *condition, and singing his prayers and his praises, and they bring the Apostles words, and tell me I must sing with the Spirit and with understanding; Is this singing with the Spirit and understanding, when covetous and proud, and wich. 7. and prophane, and all the unclean make a[illegible] they ing together ?*

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A. Nay Child, They that ſing in the Spirit muſt not be covetous and heady, and high-minded, and perſecutors, and the Spirit gives to underſtand *Davids* condition of reproaching from the time of ſinging, 1 *Cor.* 14. 15.

Q. *Father, What is the living Hope from the dead hope, ſeeing that all that doth profeſs themſelves to be Chriſtians, will ſay they have the Hope, and profeſſeth true Hope,* Col. 1?

A. Child, The True and Living Hope which ſhall never periſh, is Chriſt the Myſtery, which Hope anchors thy Soul, which is immortal, up unto God which is immortal, which Hope purifies as he is pure, *Hebr.* 6. 19. 1 *John.* 3. 3. and this Hope makes not aſhamed, and if all the World of all the Chriſtians upon the earth had this Hope which remains, which is Chriſt which purifies as he is pure, and which ſaves, *Col.* 1. 27. they would be in an unchangeable Religion, and would be in unity in the Hope Chriſt; For the Law and the firſt Covenant ſtood in types, figures and ſhadows, made nothing perfect, *Heb.* 7. 19. but was for the bringing in of a better Hope, which firſt Cove-nt ends, the Law fulfills it, and the Pro-ts it fulfils, and Types, and Shadows, Figures, and Viſions muſt end, and com-

compariſons and ſimilitudes and parables of a thing, which is not the thing, and there may be wrangling about theſe things, but hope remains, which is Chriſt in you, which is the end of types, figures and ſhadows, and the Prophets, and the ſubſtance of them all, which is the Hope they are all upon, and in the Hope Chriſt they end, which Hope remains and abides, according to the Apoſtles Words in the *Corinthians* 1. 13 *Job* 12. but the hope of the Hypocrite ſhall periſh, and that doth not remain, and ſuch are they that be upon heaps about the Scriptures, and about the Worſhip of God, the Church, the Miniſtry, the Apoſtles, Prophets and Saints Words, they be the Hypocrites that be not in the Living Hope, but in the periſhing hope.

Q. *But Father, What is a Hypocrite that hath this Hope that muſt periſh?*

A. Child, All ſuch in the earth that do profeſs the Living God and Chriſt and his Saints, and Prophets and Apoſtles Words, and they themſelves be not in the life of the thing they profeſs, but ſtops their Ears to that of God in them, and cloſe their eyes with which they ſhould ſee, *Acts* 28. *Acts* 7. *Zach.* 7. 11. that they are not in that which they pro-

profeſs, and ſuch were the Jews, and ſuch killed others that were in the Life, as do all the Chriſtians now, ſuch as be out of the Life of Chriſt, the Prophets, the Apoſtles and the Saints, and ſtrangers to the Life of God, *Jude* 1. *Tim.* 1. 4. and 2. 3. and yet profeſſing Chriſt, the Prophets, Apoſtles and Saints Words, theſe are the Hypocrites in the periſhing hope, and theſe are them that turn againſt them that be in the Life of God, and Chriſt, and Prophets, and Apoſtles, and Saints, with which they have unity with their words and ſpirits, and with God of whom they have learned, and one with another, and theſe be in the Living Hope, that remain, that never periſh.

Q. *But Father, How came up all perſecution firſt, and wars and fightings, and killing one another about Religion, and Worſhip and Sacrifice?*

A. Child, The Devil went out of Truth, ſo then he led others out of Truth, *John* 8. 44. and ſo then he ruled in their hearts, 2 Cor. 4 and 4. and ſo there came the bad thing to be in the fleſh, and the Prince of the air the prince of darkneſſe, *Epheſ.* 2. 2 and there is no perſecution or injuſtice or unrighteouſneſs and ungodlineſſe, or unholineſſe, or wickedneſſe upon the earth,

earth, *Rom.* 7. 18. or killing about ſacrifice and Church, and worſhip and Miniſtry, but firſt they go (men and women) from the Principle of God in their own ſelves, and then they looſe the Garden, and ſo become a wilderneſſe and looſe the power within, & thereby came the law, and the power over man, but there is no man kills another about Religion, Worſhip, Church, Miniſtry, or ſacrifice or other things; but firſt he goes from the Principle of God in himſelf, like *Cain*, *Gen.* 4. 7. for *Cain* did not well, ſo he went from the Principle of God in himſelfe, and then he killed, one of the firſt killers of Creatures about ſacrifice, that Magiſtrate Lord of a City, *Gen.* 4. 17. he might ſay, he had the higher power to do it, *Gen.* 4. 5, 6. but the higher power ſpoke to him before, and gave him warning when his countenance was fallen from the good, then did God ſpeak to him; the Jews ſtopped their ears from that of God in them, *Acts* 7. 57. *Rom.* 16. *Acts* 28. and cloſed their eyes, before they killed the Prophets and killed the Son; the falſe prophets and Antichriſts, they inwardly ravened from the Spirit of God, and then they killed others that were in the Spirit of God, *Mat.* 7. and *Mat.* 24. and drunk the

the blood of the Prophets and Saints; the great whore the mother of Harlots, the falſe church, *Revel* 17. 5, 6. ſhe whored from the truth, ſo all that ſhe got were harlots, ſo harlotted from that of God within them, *Rom.* 1. ſo ſhe drunk the blood of the Martyrs and Saints, that was in the Spirit, and killed them; ſo all killers, ſlayers about their ſacrifice, worſhip and Church and Miniſtry, or any other unrighteous thing, they go from that of God within them, and then they grow hard-hearted and deſperate, and kill, *Epheſ.* 2. 2. and then the prince of the Air comes to rule in the hearts of the diſobedient, and ſo by that their hearts are hard, the voice is not heard when the mind is from that of God, and ſuch the Prince of the Air gets in, and he leads them to do his luſts, murder, kill, deſtroy one another about Religion, Church and Worſhip, and this is the prince of darkneſſes works to kill Creatures, to do the works of darkneſſe, which if every one in the whole world and Chriſtendom did hear the voice of God, and not ſtop their ears to that of God in them, they would come to Chriſt who would heal them, who is the everlaſting Righteouſneſſe of God, and they would

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ſee that brought forth, and receive Chriſt the Prince of Life, the Prince of Peace, *John* 3. 8. and know him manifeſted to deſtroy the Devils works in them, that condemns ſin in the fleſh, *Rom.* 8. that they through him that doth condemn it, might become Gods righteouſneſſe, 1 *Cor.* 1. 30. and theſe comes into peace and life, that ſaves mens lives, and loves enemies, and kills not the Creature, and wreſtles not with fleſh and blood about Religion, Worſhip, Church and Miniſtry; but who are in him deſtroyes not the Creatures, but who do, are under the Prince of the Airs dominion, and with the powers of darkneſſe, and the ſpiritual wickedneſſes, that carries people up in the Aire, and darkens them and hardens them, to deſtroy one another, and ſo kill one another about that they imagine from the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, which the true Church, the true Worſhippers, the true Miniſters do not kill, ſlay any about their Worſhip and Religion, but if they will not hear, let them be as an Heathen; and ſo Chriſt deſtroyes the Devil the Authour of all darkneſſe, and people carried up in the Air, and deſtroying one another, he deſtroyes this prince of darkneſſe, and of

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unrighteouſneſſe and ungodlineſſe, and ſaves mens lives; and ſo who is in him will not deſtroy the Creature about Religion and Worſhip; and here is Gods love to the World, who was in Chriſt reconciling the World to himſelf, not that he might condemn the World, but that the World in him might have life, 2 *Cor.* 5. 19. *John* 3. 17.

Q. *Father, What is the Croſſe of Chriſt, ſeeing that in moſt parts of the whole Chriſtendom, they ſet up wooden croſſes, and iron croſſes, and ſtone croſſes, both among Papiſts and Proteſtants, and theſe croſſes is upon their Maces, they can do nothing among the Proteſtants in the Authority, until the croſſe come in the Mace, upon their Church, and Flags, and Ships, and Money, and Weights, and the Papiſts they call it the croſſe of Chriſt?*

A. Child, The Power of God, 1 *Cor.* 1. 18. that crucifies from the World, and ſlayes that nature that truſts in any viſible thing, and man that loves his life more then Chriſt, and himſelf, *Luke* 14. 33. or whatſoever elſe goods or wife or children, the Power of God ſlays that, and throwes down that inventer of all Wooden and Iron and Stone croſſes, and that is the croſſe of Chriſt the Power of God, which

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is a Myſtery, and this Power of God the Croſſe of Chriſt, ſlayes all the mad perſecutors who comes to it, and that evil nature in them, which they that ſet up Wooden and Iron and Stone Croſſes, that be in their own evil inventions, which kills one another about their croſſe, and perſecutes them that throwes down their Wooden croſſes, which is not a Myſtery, nor crucifies them from the World, but brings them in the World, and ſuch as hold up theſe croſſes, and keeps them up in their Towns and Cities, and Churches, and Fields, and Maces, and Money, and Weights and other things, are Papiſtly minded & are far off of coming down to the Power of God in themſelves, and be in the lower power, which all the Chriſtians muſt do, and all men upon the Earth which doth crucifie them from the World, *Eph.* 6. 14. and bring them to Chriſt, which is the way to God, *John* 14. 6. and not of the world, and ſo from all the croſſes which men have invented upon the Earth.

Q. *What Father, Is the Goſpel, ſeeing that all that are called Chriſtians will ſay they have the Goſpel, and yet are on heaps about it, and fightings, and are not in unity nor in fellowſhip, and theſe have all the Scriptures of Chriſt, the*

Prophets, and the Apoſtles words, therefore what is the Goſpel?

A. Child, The Goſpel of peace is the Power of God, *Rom.* 16. unto ſalvation to every one that do believe Life and Immortality comes to Light by it, which is the Power of God, 2 *Tim.* 1. 10. which is Immortal, for people being dead in ſins and treſpaſſes, *Col.* 2. 13. and the life tranſgreſſed (which the Prince of the Air and darkneſſe hath darkened the minde which rules in the hearts of the children of diſobedience, *Eph.* 2. 1. 2.) Chriſt Jeſus the Light of the World which enlightneth every one that cometh into the World, that all through the Light might believe, *Rom.* 1. and he that believes receives the Power of God which is the Goſpel unto ſalvation to him that believes, 2 *Cor.* 2. 16. which Goſpel is the ſavour of Death to him that diſobeyes the Light and doth not believe in it, and ſuch be not in unity, though they have all the words of the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, though they may have the viſible words, that ſpeaks of the Goſpel, they are far from the Myſtery of the fellowſhip of the Goſpel, which is the Power of God, *Eph.* 3. 9. In the Power of God the Goſpel of peace men have unity one with another, but out of this people will

will be all on Sects, and Judgements, and heaps, being out of the Power of God the Gospel, and hath not peace one with another, for such comes that believes in the light that Jesus Christ hath enlightned them withall, to receive power which is the Gospel, which is the everlasting Gospel, *Rev.* 14. 6. that lasts for ever, now in that Power of God the Gospel, is the Mystery of the fellowship, the fellowship is a Mystery, it stands in the Everlasting, and it is in the Everlasting, the Power of God, which stands when all other fellowships ends, for it is Everlasting, in which is the Mystery of the fellowship of the Gospel, which is called the Power of God, *Rom.* 1.16. which is Everlasting, who is in this fellowship that lasts for ever, the Mystery of the fellowship, which fellowship is Everlasting, by wch Power, in which the fellowship is, they see over all the fellowships in the World that comes to nothing, that ends & is not a Mystery, but made up in words of Scriptures but not in the power of God, so not in the fellowship of the Mystery of the Gospel, and so all fellowships of the Earth will break to pieces, if it be not in the Power of God, which is a Mystery, which lasts for ever, and in this is the true Christians fellowship, and all the

reſt is but in words, which breaks again in pieces, which is not in the power, which is a Myſtery to them all.

Q. *Father, From whence comes all wars and fightings, and ſtrife and contention and jangling, which tears more to pieces then Edifies?*

A. Child, They come from the luſt, in which luſt all people ſeeks and finds not, *Jam* 4. 1, 2. becauſe they ask amiſſe, they pray not in the ſpirit, ſo all fightings, ſtrifes, Wars, contentions, quarrellings are from pride, luſt and ambition; firſt they do tranſgreſſe the Spirit of God in themſelves, then they go into the luſt pride and ambition, and then there is Wars, contentions, diſtractions, and the Devils work is to ſet people on to deſtroy the creatures, and to ſet the people on, eſpecially on ſuch as are come from under his Dominion, and againſt ſuch as be in the power of Chriſt, the Devil ſets the creatures againſt them becauſe they will not bend to him, and come under his Dominion, which ſees before it was, that be in Chriſt Jeſus the Power of God the truth; ſo all Wars and ſtrifes and fightings and vain contentions, it is in the fleſh, *Gal.* 5. 17. ſo the ſpirit is oppoſite againſt the fleſh, and the power is oppoſite againſt it,

it, in which Power, in which Spirit, Light and Life, there is no wars but peace.

Q. *Father, But how is it that in whole Chriſtendom, people ſwear and take Oaths, and the Proteſtants will fine their people that will not ſwear,* Mat. 5. 34. *and Chriſt Jeſus ſayes ſwear not at all, and yet theſe people that be* Proteſtans *will ſay, Chriſt is their King, and he ſayes, whatſoever is above yea and nay is evil,* Mat. 5 37. *And Proteſtants will ſay* Abraham *ſwore,* Moſes *ſwore, and men of ſtrife ſwore; ſo now ſeeing Chriſt who is the Chriſtians King, he ſayes ſwear not at all, and yet they ſwear, are theſe true Subjects?*

A. No Child, theſe have but the Name of Chriſtians, theſe are but like the *Jews*, that ſerves him with their Lips, but their Hearts are far from him, *Iſai*, 29. 13. that breaks his Commandments, and if they tell ye that *Abraham*, *Moſes* and the Prophets ſwore and the Prieſts ſwore, and men of the firſt Covenant ſwore, and men under the Law ſwore, he is the end of the Law, and the end of the Prophets, and the end of the Covenant, & the end of the Prieſthood, that ſaid ſware not at all, now he was before *Abraham*, that ſayes, ſware not at all; *Joh.* 8. 58. And if they tell thee that men of ſtrife, the Apoſtle brings but that as a ſimilitude, that an oath is an end of controverſie among men, *Heb.* 7. 21. the oath of

God by which they had peace, and they were to ſwear by the Lord; but Chriſt Jeſus the ſubſtance of the ſimilitude to which he brings theſe words in the Hebrews, that God could not find a greater then Chriſt himſelf, the Oath of God, the Covenant of God, through which men have peace with God, Chriſt Jeſus, *Heb.* 6, 7. that ends the ſtrife, that deſtroys the Devil the cauſe of it; and now if they tell thee the Angel ſware, I will bring forth my firſt begotten into the World, let all the Angels Worſhip him, that ſayes ſwear not at all, and this is my beloved Son hear you him, *Mat.* 5 34. ſaith God, who is the end of the Prophets, *Mat.* 3.17. and the Law both, and the Son of God is to be heard in all things, *Acts* 3. 22, 23. and thoſe that do ſo, are the True Subjects, and True Chriſtians; as for all the ſwearers they be out of his Doctrine, and ſo do not do his will, now the ſwearers be they that be all on heaps, out of the Doctrine of Chriſt, and not true Subjects, which they that be in Chriſt Jeſus, be in Peace and do his will, *Mat.* 12. 50. and knows his Doctrine, and ſuch as be the ſwearers are gone into the evil, under the Prince of darkneſs, and powers of the aires Dominion, from under the Prince of the Power of Joy and Peace, though they profeſſe his words,

words, as the Prince of the Air wil, *Joh.* 7. 17.

Q. *But Father, How is it, that all the whole world both Professors, and Teachers, and Christians is filled with unrighteousnesse, pride, ambition, covetousnes and wickednes, and ungodlinesse, what men over all Christendom but their pretence is of Religion,* Mat. 6. 32 *God, and Gods Righteousnesse, his Son and his Holy Prophets and Saints, and the Apostles words in the Profession, yet they can hardly trust one another in earthly things as things pertaining to victuals, and cloathing, and goods, that pertain to this life,* Mat. 6. 30.

A. Child, This is all but a shew among such as be out of the Truth, to get the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles and Saints words that were learned of God, and were led and guided by the Power and Spirit of God, and in the Wisdom of God, to professe their words, but be out of the Life; And they having all given ear to the Prince of Darknesse out of Truth, *Joh.* 8 44. who is wicked and ungodly, and unrighteous, and a Murderer, the oppressor, the King of Pride, *Job* 4. 34. and of the rebellious one, the Master of persecution the head of the oppressor and of ungodlines, *Eph.* 6. 12. and abominations which rules in the hearts of people that disobey the witnesse of God in them, *Ephes.* 1. 2.

through which their minds ſhould be turned to God, and receive Chriſt the Prince of Life, and Prince of peace, who would ſanctifie them, and juſtifie them, and ſo all people that lend their ears to the Prince of darkneſſe, that be out of truth, and goes from the principle of God within them, and they ſhall be ſo and ſo, till it lead them to death, *Eſai.* 9. 6. to tranſgreſſe the Law and Power of God, and ſo that is the cauſe of all unrighteouſneſſe, abomination, Pride and ungodlineſs, men going from the righteous principle of God in themſelves, men going into ungodlineſſe from God, and ſo into Covetouſneſſe, after the Earth and earthly things, and ſo the hearts of people cannot come together becauſe of darkneſſe and pride and preſumption, becauſe they go from that of God within them, for they go from the Prince of Life and Prince of Peace, from the power and light and life in them in which they ſhould have unity, ſo into darkneſs and blindneſs, fooliſhneſs and perverſneſs, and there is the cauſe, which if they ſhould come to live and walk in the Spirit, and guided with that of God in them, *Rom.* 8. and their minde turned with it, then they come into the Power, and Light and Life and Spirit, by which

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Spirit and Power of God, the Hearts of people are brought together, in which they have unity one with another, which they that go from that of God in them, be all on heaps, and loſes unity, and grows abuſive, grows proud, and grows ſelf-willd, contentions and covetous, and Idolaters, and hath not unity with God, nor with one another, then they go from that of God within them, to go under the dark power out of truth.

Q. *But Father, What is the cauſe of all theſts, murders, whoredoms, Adulteries, Idolatries, and ſetting up ſtrange gods, and worſhiping things they make with their hands?*

A. Child, The cauſe of all this is likewiſe the ſame as was before mentioned, they go from that of God within them, that which may be known of God is manifeſted of God in them, *Rom.* 1 that it ſhould be known unto them, ſo they going from that of God in them, they are ſtrangers to the Life of God and Covenant of promiſe, for no one ſteals, covets, idolizes, commits Adultery, *Eph.* 2. 12. but firſt he goes from that of God in him, which ſhould keep his mind to God, to be acquainted with his Life and Power, *Eph.* 4. 18. who is the fulneſſe and Creator of all things, and no one makes gods of ſtone,

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of wood, ſilver or gold, and falls down to them, or Croſſes, or Images, or likeneſſes, but they go firſt from that of God in them, that which may be known of God is made manifeſt in them, which God hath ſhewed unto them, and glorying of that they are not, and not liking to retain God in their knowlege (the Creator, the Ruler of heaven and earth, *Rom.* 1. who hath all power, and life, and glory) and ſuch are they that go from that of God in them, and makes gods with their hands, and falls down unto them, they firſt go from that of God in them, which comes from the Living God, by which they ſhould live in peace with God, and unity in ſpirit; which on the contrary, they will deſtroy one another about their gods.

Q. *Father, Is it not a ſin to be tempted?*

A. Nay Child, Chriſt was tempted to the creatures, and to worſhip the Devil, out of Truth, to deſtroy himſelf, and ſo it is not a ſin to be tempted, *Mat.* 4. but to enter into the temptation is a ſin, when man goes out of the power as *Evah* did *Gen.* 3. into the power of him that went out of truth, and ſo it is the Power of God that redeems and ſaves & keeps, the faith being in that, over all the wiles of him that is out of truth

Q. *Father, What ſhould I do after I ſee Temptations and Corruptions, and the bad wayes*

wayes I have walked in, and the bad thoughts I have thinked, and the evil actions I have acted, and the ungodly deeds I have committed, and the bad words I have ſpoken, now in this ſtate the Waves overflow me, what ſhould I do ſeeing all theſe, and have no peace?

A. Child, Be ſtill in the Light that diſcovers all theſe things, and makes them manifeſt, thy wayes, thy words, thy actions, thy deeds, thy thoughts, the Light which comes from Chriſt the Saviour of thy ſoul, to ſave thee from thy ſin, who hath given thee a Light to ſee it, and there is the firſt ſtep of Peace, to ſtand ſtill in that which firſt diſcovers it and makes it manifeſt, with that thou wilt ſee Chriſt, from whence that Light comes to ſave thee, look at the Light, and do not look at the corruptions, and with the Light thou wilt ſee over Temptations, and over Corruptions, and over Thoughts, *Jam.* 1. 6. & there thou wilt receive Power to bridle thy Tongue, that no idle words may be ſpoken, but ſerviceable, and with the Light thou wilt ſee Chriſt before the Tempter was.

Q. *But Father, The world ſayes, Profeſſors and Teachers, Kings and Rulers in Chriſtendom, if we deny ſwearing, we deny all Government, and Magiſtrates, and all Authority.*

A. Child, The Government that leads into

into the earthly, out of the Doctrine of Chriſt, that muſt be denyed, but the Government which ſayes ſwear not at all, *Mat.*5. which eſtabliſhes, that is from *Chriſt*, that muſt be owned; And cannot *Chriſt* Govern the World without oaths and ſwearing, who hath all Power in heaven and earth given to him, who bears the Rule upon his ſhoulders, who is called the Prince of Life, *John* 5 27. and the Prince of Peace, he can keep all in peace without ſwearing, and in Righteouſneſs, who is Gods Righteouſneſſe it ſelf, who believe in him, and ſanctification, who keeps his ſubjects clean, & juſtifies them in the ſight of God, among whom is the Law of the Spirit of Life, that makes free from ſin and death, *Rom.* 8. 2 and ſo there is an everlaſting Government and Kingdom of Chriſt which will ſtand, when all ſwearers, and fining of people becauſe they will not ſwear, and priſoning them, and perſecuting them, when their Doctrine is ended and come to nought; for Chriſts Doctrine is yea and nay amongſt his Subjects, which ſayes, let your yea be yea, and your nay be nay in all your communications, and the Apoſtle his Servant and friend Preached the ſame Doctrine, which ſayes above all things my brethren ſwear not

not at all, *Matth.* 5. leaſt you fall into condemnation, ſo all the ſwearing Chriſtians, whether Kings, Magiſtrates whatſoever, are fallen into condemnation, out of the power Chriſt Jeſus, and his truth and the Doctrine of the Apoſtles, and are the falſe Chriſtians, that hath a name but dead out of the Life and Power of Chriſt Jeſus which the Apoſtles were in, and ſo they that ſwear, are they that would deſtroy the Government of Chriſt, and them that be under the Government of Chriſt, and obeys his Commands and do his Doctrine.

Q. *Father, Are the Scriptures the Word of God?*

A. Nay Child, Chriſt is the Word which fulfills the Scriptures, the Scriptures are the Words of God, *Exod.* 20. and *Revelation* the laſt, and ſo the Word remains, when the Words are fulfilled by the Word, and in him is the Life.

Q. *Father, Hath not men life in Chriſt, though they do not believe in the light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, which is Chriſt?*

A. Nay Child, They have not life but abide in death, that doth not believe in the Light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, *John* 1.

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and this light is within them, and he that believes in the Light paſſeth from Death which came by ſin, to Chriſt the Life, 1 *John* 3. 14.

Q. *But Father, What is the true belief, ſeeing whole Chriſtendom that be all on heaps, diſtinct one from another, yet they ſay they do all believe in Chriſt, and they all own Scriptures, and yet they while they be upon the Earth, they believe that men ſhall not overcome ſin and Death?*

A. Child, This profeſſion is with the lips, and this belief is but a gathered belief from the letter, and they do not believe in the Light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, and it is a falſe belief that doth not overcome, for every one believing in the Light, 1 *John* 5. 14. that Chriſt hath enlightened them withal, who ſays, Believe in the Light, that ye may be children of the light, and he that believes paſſeth from the death to the life; ſo from the ſin that brings death, and from the Devil the power of ſin and death, to Chriſt the life, and ſo he that believes is born of God and overcomes the World, and all believing in the Light which Chriſt doth enlighten them, and every man that cometh into the

the World, in the Light they will all have Unity, this Beliefe overcomes the World, and in this there is no rents nor ſects, and ſo all beliefes among all Sects in the world, that can take a Beliefe from the Scriptures, 1 *John* 1. 7. and believe not in the Light that Chriſt (hath enlightened every man that cometh into the World) the head, they are not in Unity with Chriſt, nor with one another, nor with the Scriptures, for the Jews believed that Chriſt was to come from the letter, as the Chriſtians believe that Chriſt is come from the Letter, but neither Jews nor Chriſtians do believe in the Light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world, that they might all have the witneſſe in themſelves, 1 *John* 5. 10. and if they did they would have Unity one with another, and paſſe from death to life, 1 *John* 3. 14. and ſo from darkneſſe that hinders them from Unity, and from the prince of darkneſſe unto the Prince of Life; ſo they that do not believe in the Light wherewith they are enlightened, they are condemned already, *John* 3. 18.

Q. *Father, Did Chriſt tell the Chriſtians they ought to pay Tythe Mint, Annice and Cummin?*

A. No Child, This was to the Jews.

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Q. *Father, Was the Temple ordained for the Chriſtians, ſeeing the Chriſtian Prieſts and Teachers cryes it up for the houſe of prayer, and the Temple of the Lord; and Solomon built a Temple, and they will call this a Steeple-houſe, the Temple of the Lord, and ſay it was his Houſe?*

A. Nay Child, There was but one Temple in the whole World commanded of God, which was called the Houſe of Prayer, and that was ſet up at *Jeruſalem* in the Land of *Canaan*, 1 *Kings* 8. and the Temple was for the Jews, and not for the Chriſtians, 2 *Chron.* 7. and Chriſt came to put an end to that Temple, 1 *Cor.* 6. 19. and the Apoſtles tells the Saints, their bodies were the Temples of God, 2 *Cor.* 6. 16. and they muſt pray in the Spirit, and ſing in the Spirit, as there had been ſinging in the Temple and praying in the Temple, 1 *Cor.* 14. 15. for the Nations run thither, and the Prieſts, Teachers and profeſſors, for calling this the Houſe of prayer, *Epheſ.* 2. 20. and *Solomons* Temple, they are ignorant, for there was never a Houſe of prayer commanded of God but at *Jeruſalem*, called a Temple, but all other Temples are invented, as *Diana's*; And ſo when the Teachers tells you of a Pulpit that was

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ſpoken of to the *Jews*, and tells you of Tythes, there was never none of the true Chriſtians amongſt the Apoſtles that took Tythes, but amongſt the Apoſtate Chriſtians ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, and the *Jews* and Heathen, for there was never none had a command from God to take Tythes but the *Jews*, and they took the Tythes for Levie, for Widdows, Strangers and Fatherleſſe to be relieved within their gates, but who is come to Chriſt he redeems them out of the ninths of the Earth to the beginning, who ends the Tenths, whereby man comes to reign upon the Earth, a King and a Prieſt made ſo by Chriſt, *Revel.* 1. by whom the World was made, who is the Image of the Father, Glorified with the Father before the World began, ſo Chriſt did not ſay to the Chriſtians you ought to pay Tythe Mint, Annice, and Cummin, he told the Chriſtians his Diſciples, that the Temple ſhould be thrown down, not one ſtone left upon another, *Mat.* 24. And as the Diſciple ſaid before, their bodies was the Temple of God.

Q. *Father, They tell us that God is Worſhipped there at the Temple which is called a Church?*

A. Child, The *Jews* tells the true Chri-

ſtians ſo, that God is Worſhiped at Jeruſalem, or at the mountain, or where *Jacobs* Well was, and all Nations was to go to worſhip at *Jeruſalem*, but Chriſt when he diſputed with the woman of *Samaria*, at the mountain, *John* 4. He tells her the hour is coming and then was, that they that worſhpped the Father, muſt worſhip Him in the Spirit and in the truth, ſo in the ſpirit and in the truth that the Devil is out of, and wickedneſs is out of, and falſe worſhip is out of, and in the Spirit and in the Truth hath all men unity and fellowſhip in their worſhip, but all Temple worſhippers, and Mountain worſhippers, *Mat.* 24. 33. and cryers lo here, lo there, in ſome outward place, they worſhip they know not what; ſo we ſay not at *Samaria*, nor at *Jeruſalem* nor in this Mountain, nor in the Steeple-houſe, but in the ſpirit and in the Truth, *Gal.* 4.26. and ſuch comes to know *Jeruſalem* which is from above, and ſuch comes to worſhip God, which all will-worſhippers, falſe Beaſt worſhippers, worſhippers of the Devil is out of, & theſe worſhips in the truth, in the ſpirit, where there is no contention nor enmity but peace.

Q. *Father, the Profeſſors and Teachers tels me of a pearl that was hid in the field, and a Merchant man ſought for it, and ſold all to purchaſe this field; What, is it an outward*

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Merchant man that deals beyond ſeas, they ſay he digged deep, and found this Pearl in the field, but they would never tell me where this field was where this Pearl was hid, and whether it was an outward field or a cloſe.

Anſw. I believe thee Child, for they never knew themſelves where it was; the field is the World, *Mat.* 13. and the World is ſet in the heart, and the Pearl is under the earth, & when thou comes to the Light which Chriſt hath enlightned thee withal, thou wilt come to the power by which thou wilt dig through the Earth, and find the Pearl though it lie deep in thee, and ſo when thou haſt found it with the power and with the light, thou wilt ſell all that thou haſt to redeem the field, whereby thou wilt know reconciliation to all things in heaven, and things in earth through Chriſt the power of God, *Mat.* 13. 46.

Q. F*ather*, *Will the power reconcile me to evil things, and thoſe that defile the man?*

A. No Child, For the Power of God Chriſt Jeſus deſtroyes the Devil and his things, ſo the Author of defiling he deſtroyes, *Rom.* 8. and ſo he is manifeſted in the fleſh to deſtroy ſin in the fleſh, and ſo Chriſt that doth deſtroy it, he reconciles to God, and all things in Heaven and things in Earth, *Epheſ.* 1. 10.

Q. *Father, But hath the Devil no part in Chriſt?*

A. No Child, The Prince of the World cometh, but Chriſt ſaith he hath nought in him, though the Prince of the World find a habitation in the ſons of the firſt *Adam* that are diſobedient, which Chriſt the ſecond *Adam* doth enlighten them, and leads them, and is the way to God, which ſin the Devil that went out of Truth leads people from God into tranſgreſſion, and ſo the Devil is the way from God into darkneſs, into crooked paths and rough wayes and into death, ſo here the ſons of *Adam*, and the daughters of *Adam*, comes to be defiled, but Chriſt the ſecond *Adam*, is the way again to God, and the *Life* and the Light and the Truth, and doth enlighten every one that cometh into the World, that with the Light wherewith they are enlightened, they might ſee Chriſt the Life and the way to God, and ſo being turned to the Light, *John* 1. they are turned from darkneſſe, Satans power, to God and to Chriſt, to him that deſtroyes the Devil, through whom they overcome, where is life and peace, Light, Truth and love everlaſting.

Q. *Father, What is the right uſe of the Scriptures, and for what end were they given forth,*

forth, for men to get livings by them, and ſet up Trades? And did ever the Miniſters of God, made by the Will of God, make a Trade of Scriptures, ſuch are made by the will of man, and held up by the Laws of men, and when the Apoſtles did Preach, were they guarded by a Law of the Jews, which Preached Chriſt the end of the Law?

A. Child, The Scripture was not given forth for men to make Trades of them and to get livings by them, for they that do ſo are all made by the will of men, and not by the Will of God, for none of the Saints in the Scriptures made a Trade of other Saints words, and all they that make a Trade of the Scriptures, are ſuch as are not made by the Will of God; and hath not received it from him, as they did that gave forth Scriptures, and ſo the Scriptures were not given forth to be made a trade of, but to be believed, and to be read, and to be fulfilled, and to be practiſed, Mat. 3.15. and for people to come into that which doth fulfil, Chriſt Jeſus who came to fulfil, for the Apoſtles bid them read the Epiſtles, *Rom.* 8.4. and Chriſt ſayes, the Scriptures ought to be fulfilled, and the Prophets, are you not to fulfil the Law and the Prophets? and he came to fulfil the Law, and the Prophets, Mat. 5.17. and the *Jews*

in the Law did not guard the Apoſtles, but went againſt them, for they preached Chriſt the end of the Law for Righteouſneſſe ſake to every one that did believe, *Rom.* 10. 4. and the end of all Types and Shadows and figures that held up the Law, and the Prieſthood that was made by the Law; ſo Chriſt ends them all, and in him is the Law fulfilled, and not broken, and who is in him is in the end of the Law, the ſubſtance.

Q. *Father, What is that that muſt give me the Knowledge of God, and his Glory, and Chriſt, ſeeing the Teachers of the World ſayes all men are in darkneſſe, and* John *the Miniſter of God ſayes, Chriſt Jeſus doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World,* John 1. 9. *And our* Miniſters *made by the will of men denies it, but ſayes he doth not enlighten every man that cometh into the World, but ſayes men are in darkneſſe?*

A. Child, Theſe are them that be in darkneſſe themſelves, and are not the Miniſters of Chriſt Jeſus, but are like unto the Phariſees and chief Prieſts that oppoſed *John*, or like unto *Herod*, for this is the True Light that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, Chriſt Jeſus, and you were darkneſſe, and Light ſhineth in darkneſſe, and the darkneſs comprehends

hends it not. Now God having commanded a Light to ſhine out of darkneſſe, it ſhines in the heart, it gives the light of the knowledg of the Glory of God in the face of Chriſt Jeſus, and that is that will give thee the Knowledge of God, 2 *Cor.* 4.

Q. *Father, And how, the old Covenant of works, that ſtood on Types, and Figures, and ſhadows without man?*

A. Child, That was a figure of the inward, for the Power of God was in man before he fell under the Power of darkneſſe, then came the Law, the Power of God over man, and the Covenant of works, and the ſlaying of the Beaſts, a figure of the Lamb ſlain from the foundation of the world, that muſt be offered up for the ſins of the whole world, of mankind once for all, which ends the offerings of all the beaſts, Types, Figures and ſhadows; ſo who comes to receive Chriſt Jeſus his offering, the fleſh wch he gives for the world, that they muſt eat of that ſacrifice, *Eph.* 2. 15 and drink his blood, and eat his fleſh if they have life in him, there is no other ſacrifice to be eaten of but him, and ſo who comes now to him, hath the Power of God within, and the New Covenant within, and the Law within in the heart. And ſo the firſt Covenant

which ſtood in types, figures and ſhadows made nothing perfect, but for the bringing in of a better hope, which hope was Chriſt, and this better hope Chriſt ends the firſt Covenant, *Heb.* 7. 19. the Types and the Figures, and the ſhadows, that made nothing perfect, Chriſt the one offering makes perfect, for every one that are ſanctified, *John* 17. 3. and who hath received Chriſt, hath received the Power of God within, which ends all Types, ſhadows and figures, and deſtroyed the Devil, that tempted men out of Truth into darkneſſe, and brought men into the Ayrie ſtate, where all men are that be out of the Subſtance Chriſt Jeſus, and who be in Chriſt the Subſtance, they are in him that was glorified with the Father before the World was made, and ſuch be in the Kingdom that hath no end, and knows the firſt Covenant, and knows the ſecond Covenant, and ſuch as ſaw the firſt Covenant and all things in it, Types, Figures and ſhadows, and their time, and ſaw beyond it (the ſubſtance) the time of the Law, that was by the inward Light and Power, and ſuch as receive the ſubſtance, Chriſt, witneſſes he is come who hath ended theſe outward things, which were Types, Figures, and ſhewed of him,

him, and ſo who are come into Chriſt the ſubſtance, by whom the world was made, are come out of ſhews, ſhadows, Types and figures, which ſtood in the firſt Covenant, which was ſince the beginning, and who is come to the Word who was in the beginning, ſees over ſhadows, Types and Figures, their time and their place and their end, being in him that ends them Read *Hebrews.*

Q. *What is the higher power to which the ſoul muſt be ſubject to?*

A. The higher Power is ordained of God, and is that which goes over all tranſgreſſors upon the Earth, and over the Devil that is out of Truth, that ſet up his power of wickedneſſe; So the Power is higher then his and all powers; when man had loſt the power of God within, then God ordained a higher Power over him, to which his Soul muſt be ſubject to, his Soul which is immortal, to the power which is immortal, which is of God and the Principle of God, directing the mind towards God, there the power comes to be received, and there they come to witneſs the Power, the Higher, and the Lord to be their Law-giver, King and Judge, who reigns in their hearts, and there ſets up his Kingdom, and gives in his Law,

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and Judges the contrary, that acts contrary to his power; So this Higher Power anſwers the Principle of God in every man, which he hath tranſgreſſed, and reſpects no mans perſon, and is equal, even and juſt, without reſpect of perſons, *Jam.* 2. 9. *Rom.* 12. 1.

Q. *Father, It is the cuſtom of all the Teachers to ask their children the queſtions concerning names and things which they have made, that children doth not know until it be told them what they be, and is it not better for children to ask the queſtion of their Teachers that pretends the Goſpel, or of him that hath the Law, or of their Parents, is not it better for children to ask as it was of old, when the children asked why they did ſuch and ſuch a thing, as we may read in* Exodus 12. 26, 27. *And it ſhall come to paſſe when your children ſhall ſay unto you, what mean you by this ſervice, that ye ſhall ſay, It is the Sacrifice of the Lords Paſſeover, &c?*

A. Child, When Children asks concerning the Goſpel, and asks concerning God and Chriſt, they are not to be ſtopped, but anſwered as they were concerning the figure; and as for the Teachers asking the Children hard queſtions which they have not learned of God themſelves, and which is not profitable, is to be ſtopped.

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Q. *I but Father, The Teachers that Catechiseth Children, asks of three Persons and a Trinity, and such like things; and asketh us of two Sacraments, and Christs humane Body, and I cannot find these things in the Scriptures which they call the Rule, and do not they ask me things besides the Rule?*

A. Yea Child, For the word Trinity, and the two Sacraments, and Christs humane Body, and three Persons, and Christ was not from the ground, he was the second man the Lord from Heaven, humane is from the ground earthly, 1 *Cor.* 15. 47. and the Scriptures speaks, that he is Christ the Lord from Heaven, from above, but it doth not give his body the name humane; but he was of the Seed of *Abraham*, and of *David* according to the flesh, and the scripture speaks of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, but not the word Trinity and three persons, that they have brought out of the Common-prayer-Book, the old Priest hath not yet forgotten the Common-Prayer-Book, & to speak according to scripture, for the scripture speaks of Baptism & the Supper of the Lord, but it is the Common-prayer-Book that speaks of two Sacraments (and the Papists have seven Sacraments) not scriptures.

Q. *And Father, The Teachers that Catechiseth askes me whether the Scriptures be not the Word*

Word of God, and the Saints that gave forth the Scriptures ſayes, they are the Words of God?

A. They are ſo Child, as thou may read *Exodus* the twentieth Ch. and ſo they call the Scriptures by Chriſts Name, whoſe Name is called the Word of God; ſo they have more need to be catechiſed themſelves, *John* 1.

Q. *Father, How ſhall a man come to the Image of God, and into the Wiſdom of God by which all things were made and created?*

A. Child, Chriſt is the Image of God, which doth enlighten every man that cometh into the world that is in tranſgreſſion, that hath loſt it; and ſo every one that cometh into the world receiving the Light that Chriſt hath enlightned him withal, believing in it and walking in it, he ſhall walk in Chriſt the Image of God, who gives them Dominion over all the Creation, who brings them to the Father, him by whom all things were made, who is the Wiſdom of God, the Power of God, and the Righteouſneſſe of God, *John* 1. 12. *John* 9. 1. *Eph.* 1. 19. 25. *Col.* 2. 10.

Q. *Father, How ſhall I ſee my Redeemer, my Sanctifier, my Juſtifier, and with what?*

A. Child, By the Light that Jeſus Chriſt,

Chriſt the Saviour, the Sanctifier, the Juſtifier, the Redeemer hath enlightened thee withal, that Light that lets thee ſee thy ſins, lets thee ſee thy Redeemer, Chriſt from whence it comes, and the Light will let thee ſee that thou art not clean, the ſame light will let thee ſee Chriſt that ſanctifies thee, the ſame juſtifies; So he is called the Juſtification, and the Redemption; So Chriſt Jeſus the Sanctification, the Juſtification, the Redeemer, that doth enlighten every man that cometh into the World, who is the Salvation, men neglecting the Light they neglect the Salvation, *John* 1.

Q. *Father, Can any one be made a Miniſter of Chriſt for money, or any one buy the gift of God?*

A. Nay Child, It is perfect, and the Will of God is perfect, and the gift of God is not to be compared to gold and ſilver, or any other thing that will corrupt, or is to be ſold, *Job* 28. *Acts* 8 20.

Q. *Father, Are they all in the Gall of bitterneſs, that is buying and ſelling that which they call the gift of God?*

A. Yea Child, Their bitter Gall ſhews it ſelf, and thoſe that tell people they are gifted men from God, and ſells it for money, they are them that deceives people,

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for they never received it from God, but from Books or Schools, or old Hiſtories and old Authors, and old rowls of Paper, and the gift of God cannot be gotten for Gold nor Silver, *Acts* 8. 20. nor the precioueſt things upon the Earth, neither is it to be valued with it, and ſuch as receives the gift of God muſt depart from ſin, and depart from evil, that the heart may be clean to receive it, that it may be ſanctified throughout, *Rom.* 5. 15.

Q. *They tell me that Hebrew, Greek and Latine is the Original, by which I may know the Scriptures; Is it Father?*

A. No Child, That which muſt give thee to know the Scriptures is the Spirit of God, for the Hebrews turned againſt the Apoſtles (and the Grecians and the Romans) that was in their Original; for in the beginning was the Word, before Hebrew, Greek and Latine was; all the Earth was of one language before *Babel*, which *Nimrod* the mighty Hunter began to build, which God confounded into many Languages; *Moſes* ſayes ſo in *Geneſis* 11. And *Luke* ſayes, they ſet a Superſcription a top of Chriſt, in Hebrew, Greek and Latine, and the Prieſts that was ſo bitter againſt Chriſt, they knew not the Scriptures, nor *Pilate* that had the Original,

riginal, *Luke* the 20th. And ſo theſe could not open Scriptures, (Child) and the Beaſt which killed the Saints, had power over Tongues, as well as *Pilate*, and the great Whore the falſe Church which ſits upon the Beaſt, ſhe ſits upon the Tongues, which are called waters, *Rev.* 17.

Q. *But Father, who would have believed that the Beaſt ſhould ſit a top of our Orthodox men, and leaders and guiders and watchmen, ſurely Father they have been the blind ones that have let the Beaſt and the Whore been upon them; and was not* Pilate *as good an Orthedox man with his Original as our Miniſters, as theſe which the Beaſt and Whore ſits upon, and had not he the Original Hebrew, Greek, and Latine, as well as they?*

A. Yes Child, They are all like one another, but differs a little becauſe one get the ſheeps cloathing which *Pilate* had not, the outſide, *Rev.* 13. and I told thee Child before, that Hebrew, Greek and Latine, their Original ends at *Babel*, and there is the beginning of it, the many Languages, none of them are the Miniſters of the Word that calls that the Original, for in the beginning was the Word before the Original, the many Languages was, & ſo *Pilate* was as good an Orthodox man that perſecutor, & they all follow him that ſays Hebrew, Greek and Latine is the Original,

Original; And ſo the Original is the Word of God which lives & abides and endures for ever, *Luke* 23. and they are all of men and by men, and by naturals and by Schools and Colledges, and by Books and Rowls of Paper held up by men, and ſet up by men, that ſayes the many Languges is the Griginal, *Gen.* 11. and theſe are not the Preachers of the Word of God which was in the beginning, and ſo brings not people to the beginning to live in that the Words ends, for oft thou mayſt read the Word of the Lord came to the Prophets and the Saints, and the Apoſtles were Miniſters of the Word, and the Saints received the Word they had in their hearts, and they received the Word which was Chriſt which was in the beginning, in whom all words ends, which is the Original, whoſe Name is called the Word of God, *Revel.* 19. *Rom.* 10.

Q. *Father, There is a great cry amongſt all the people, that Chriſt ſays falſe Prophets ſhould come in the laſt dayes and Antichriſt, and the Profeſſors and Teachers ſays now they are come, and now it is the laſt time?*

A. Child, They are deceived in that, and they are ignorant, and knows not the Scriptures, for Chriſt ſaid they ſhould come in the ſeventh of *Matthew*, and

and in the 24 of *Matthew*, and his Diſciples and *John* ſaid, they were come, 1 *John* 2. and 4. Chapters, and he ſaid, it was the laſt time then, and they were already in the World then, and they went forth from them; and ſo Chriſt ſaid they ſhould come, *John* ſaid they were come in his dayes, and ſaid it was the laſt time, and the falſe Prophets and Antichriſts went forth from them into the World, in the *Revelations*, and all that dwelt upon the Earth went after them, but who had their names writen in the Lambs Book of Life before the foundation of the World was, *Rev.* 13. ſo thoſe that inwardly ravened were the falſe Prophets, *Mark* 7. 24. 1 *John* 2. and 4. Chapters.

Q. *Father, Is there no falſe prophets but ſuch as are inwardly ravened?*

A. Child, There is none, and there is none againſt Chriſt, but firſt they are inwardly ravened from the light which Chriſt hath enlightened them withal, 1 *John* 1 chap.

Q. *Father, Are theſe the Wolves that hath the ſheeps cloathing, that be inwardly ravened?*

A. Yea Child, There is no men nor women compared to be Wolves, but firſt

they are inwardly ravened from the Spirit of God, *Mat.* 24.

Q. *Father, But are all theſe inwardly raveners which tear one another about their Church and Miniſtry, and Worſhip, and Maintenance, are they Wolves?*

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, But how is it that the cry is among all Profeſſors and Teachers in the Chriſtendom, Revelations are ceaſed, and inſpirations ceaſed, and hearing the voice of God is ceaſed, there is no ſuch thing to be looked for now?*

A. Child, This is among all the inwardly raveners from the Spirit of God, the Antichriſts, the falſe prophets, that have nothing but the ſheeps cloathing, *Mat.* 24. and out-ſide, and there ſtands all the tattered, torn Churches and Worſhips, 1 *Cor.* 2. 10. And ſo they that be inwardly ravened from the Spirit of God, they are gone from that which ſhould reveal, and gone from that which ſhould inſpire, *Amos* 3. 7. And gone from the Spirit of Prophecy, which ſhould let them ſee, *Job* 32. 8. for it is the Spirit that lets people ſee, and the Spirit that doth inſpire, and the Spirit that doth reveal, 2 *Tim.* 3. 16. and ſo they that in-

inwardly raven from the Spirit, they do not hear the voice of Christ immediately from Heaven, and they are short of coming into Heavenly places.

Q. *Father, But are they all in hardnesse of heart that doth not hear the voice, and are they them that have killed the Prophets, the Martyrs and Saints?*

A. Yea Child, They are them that have hardened their hearts, and heard not the voice that inwardly ravened from the Spirit of God, *John* 10. 3. that hath been the Antichrists, false Prophets, the Wolves in the sheeps cloathing, *Mat.* 19. 8. And their fruit hath declared it since the dayes of the Apostles, *Mark* 16. 14. They are Antichrists; Christ saith, swear not at all, they swear; Christ saith, Love your enemies, *Rom.* 2. 5. they persecute them and friends both, and these are enemies of Christ that would not have him to rule, and these are them that turns against the Spirit of God themselves, and persecutes others.

Q. *Father, Do these know the Son, hath these the secrets of the Lord, doth these know the Father, are these in the fear of God, are the loins of their mindes girded up, are*

theſe in the true Faith, *are theſe Miniſters of the Spirit that deny Revelation, are theſe Miniſters of the Goſpel that deny Revelation?*

A. No Child, Theſe know not God, neither the Son, *Amos* 3. 7. for no man comes to the Son but he whom the Father draws, and no man knows the Father but the Son, and he to whom he reveals him, *Mat.* 11. 27. and the Lord reveals his ſecrets to him that fears him, *Luke* 10. 22. and the ſecrets of the Lord is revealed by the Spirit, *Gal.* 1.6. and Faith is revealed from Faith to Faith, that the Juſt lives by, *Phil* 3. 15. and the true Chriſtians were to wait to have the loins of their mindes girded up, 1 *Cor.* 2. 20. for the grace that was to be brought unto them at the Revelation of Jeſus Chriſt, they that deny Revelations are not fit to be Catechizers of their Children.

Q. *Father, what is the true Church?*

A. Child, It is not the Steeple-houſe, nor the Synagogues, nor it is not the Temple at *Jeruſalem*, nor the Popes houſe beyond Sea, but the Church is the pillar and ground of Truth, *Mat.* 16. 18. the body of Chriſt of whom he is the head; *Mat.* 5. 44. 1 *Theſ.* 1. And this

this Church ſtands in the mercy, loving enemies, *Luke* 6. 27. not killing Creatures, and doth not deſtroy men for earthly things, about Worſhip, Religion, nor the Teachers maintenance, nothing is done by conſtraint but by love, which Church the Body edifies it ſelf in love, 1 *Cor.* 14. 4, 5. but the falſe Church the mother of Harlots, the woman, the great whore that hath rid upon the beaſt, that hath drunk the blood of the Prophets, the Martyrs and Saints, ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, 1 *Col.* 2. 4. that the true Church went into the Wilderneſſe, and the Man-childe caught up to God, and now is the Judgment of the great whore, well favoured Harlot, falſe church come, myſtery *Babylon* is confounding, *Rev.* 12. 5, 6. and the Bride the Lambs wife is coming out of the Wilderneſſe, preparing her ſelf for her Husband, and the Lamb ſhall have the victorie, Glory in the Higheſt for ever, and the Goſpel ſhall be preached again which was among the Apoſtles, to all Nations, Kindreds, tongues and people.

Q. *Father, Have not they had the Goſpel?*

A. Nay Child, They have had the ſheeps cloathing, in the Dragons power, and they have been all on heaps about their Church, Religion and Worſhip, and ſheeps cloathing, and they are in the wolfiſh nature, out of the Lambs and Saints, and out of the unity and fellowſhip of the Myſtery of the Goſpel, amongſt whom life and immortality is not come to the Light, and there is all the mad men and blind zeal'd, but as the Goſpel the Power of God goes over, and Life and immortality ſhall come to Light, in which there ſhall be Unity, and the fellowſhip known that is everlaſting, 2 *Tim.* 1. 10. *Epheſ.* 3. 9. *Epheſ.* 6. 19.

Q. *Father, Did the Apoſtles Marry for Money as our Teachers doth, and Bury for Money as our Teachers do which are made of Schools and Colledges, did the Apoſtles Baptize for Money as our Teachers do, and did they Pray and Sing for Money as our Teachers do? They will not Sing without Money, or Pray without Money in their Pulpits long; And did the Apoſtles Preach for Tithe Hens, Corn and Honey, and Hay, and Tithe almoſt of all things, had they the Eaſter-reckonings and Mid-ſummer dues, did the Apoſtles do ſo for Money,*

Money, had they four or five Bells to call people together, and Chriſtens them, and gives Names to them, and did they give Names to their Colledges where they made their Miniſters, as Trinity Colledge, and Chriſts Colledge, had the Apoſtles ſuch things amongſt them, did the Apoſtles ſet up theſe great Steeple-houſes, and ſet croſſes a top of them, and when came up all theſe things, did they come all up ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles?

A. Yea Child, By the falſe Church, and Antichriſts, and falſe Prophets with ſheeps cloathing ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles that the True Chriſtians and True Church went into the Wilderneſſe, all theſe things came up by the falſe Chriſtians, that hath had a name but dead from the Life, ſince the days of the Apoſtles have they come up; but they are denyed and judged by the life the Apoſtles were in, for the Life and power of God they were in, in which Saints now are come, praiſed be the Lord for ever, *Rev.* 12. *Rev.* 3. 1.

Q. *Father, But did the Apoſtles keep Chriſt-maſs, and ſet up Michael-maſs, and ſet up Lam-maſs, and Martin-maſs, and Candle-maſs, & all the Saints dayes, which*

is tollerated in Almanacks, by that they call the Higher Power?

A. Nay Child, The Apoſtle ſets them not up, they got up ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, for we read no ſuch thing among the Apoſtles, that they gave any ſuch command among the Saints concerning any ſuch things to be obſerved, for they all got up by the Apoſtate Chriſtians from the Apoſtles ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles, the Dragons power which is the lower out of truth, and not the Higher, *Gal.* 4. 10. 2 *Col.* 16.

Q. *Father, Did the Apoſtles build houſes, and gives them the Saints names, and call them Churches?*

A. Nay Child, It hath been ſuch as went forth from the Apoſtles, and killed them that have been in the Apoſtles life, and hath not been themſelves in the Church, and ſo ſets up wooden Churches, and name them after the Apoſtles and Saints, and whom they like, which ſo did not the Apoſtles; The Apoſtles told the Saints they were the Church, *Epheſ.* 3. 30. and did not tell the Saints, the Temple was the Church, nor the Synagogne the Church, 1 *Col.* 22. but they were the Church, they were the Tem-

Temple of Chriſt, and they were of his fleſh, and of his bone, and of his body. Now is the Judgement of the falſe Church come, the true Church being come out of the Wilderneſs, which fleſh and bones and body ſhall be known again.

Q. *I but Father, Is not the Steeple-houſe of Chriſt fleſh and bone, which the Prieſts tells us is the Church, and bids us be good lads, and tells us we muſt come to the Church?*

A. Nay Child, That Church is made of Lime and Stone, and Wood, and ſuch like, *Matthew* 16. 18. which the Church of Chriſt, the Pillar and Ground of Truth is built up together of living ſtones, and is of the fleſh of Chriſt, which the gates of Hell cannot prevail againſt, 1 *Pet.* 2. 4.

Q. *But Father, Was it an outward Wood or a Forreſt that the Church fled into, that the Dragon was wroth withal?*

A. Nay Child, The Devil makes the World like a Wilderneſſe, and as thou comes to believe in the Light, thou comes out of the Wilderneſs, and thou wilt ſee where the Wilderneſſe is, where the Church hath been in the Apoſtacy ſince

ſince the dayes of the Apoſtles; and ſo thou coming to the Light, thou wilt ſee Chriſt the Head of the Church which is the King, Prophet and Prieſt, which is everlaſting, and ſo is his Church, *Rev.* 12. 4, 5, 6. *Mat.* 1. 3. *Mark* 1. 3. *Luke* 3. 4. *John* 1. 23.

Q. *Father, Is all thoſe Teachers, Shepherds and Miniſters, and Divines that Divine for Money, that Teacheth for filthy lucre, and Propheſie for money, and Shepherds that ſeeks for their Gain from their quarter and Preacheth for the fleece are ſuch as be out of the Doctrine of the Prophets, Chriſts the Apoſtles?*

A. Yes Child, For if they had been in the Life of the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, they would not have declared againſt them; But they be ſuch as be erred from the Prophets Life, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, and from their Spirit, therefore they are to be declared againſt and not heard, *Titus* 1. 11. *Mich.* 3. 11. *Ezek.* 34. 3.

Q. *Father, But are not they to be heard?*

A. Nay Child, They that be erred from the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles Spirit they are not to be heard, for they will propheſie no longer then thou gives

gives them maintenance, and puts into their mouthes, they will Divine to thee no longer then thou gives them Money, they will teach thee no longer then thou gives them their filthy lucre, they will be a Shepherd to thee no longer then thou gives them the fleece; And they pretend to be the Shepherds, but they are not, for they are not able to keep the Dogs nor Wolves off of thee, that be not in the ſpirit of the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, in the Dominion, in the Image of God, whereby all the dread, all the Beaſts of the field, are dreaded and have Dominion over them, there is the True Shepherd; Child, Who is able to keep thee? And thoſe be in the Spirit of the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, out of the Spirit of them that Teach for filthy lucre, for the fleece, for Money, and will Preach peace to thee no longer, then thou wilt put into their mouths.

Q. *Father, Are they like unto* Balaam *that be not in the ſpirit of the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles, that loveth lucre, and Money, and the Fleece, and go no further then they have Money, Lucre and the Fleece?*

A. Yea Child, Theſe be in *Balaams* way,

way, from the Spirit of God, and are not to be heard.

Q. *Father, And did not* Balaams *Aſſe ſpeak better then he, when he was erred from the ſpirit ?*

A. Yea Child, he taught him.

Q. *Father,* But *doth* Balaams *Aſſe ſpeak better then all our Profeſſors and Teachers that deny the Spirit of God ſpeaking in them, and leading of them, as the Prophets, Apoſtles and Saints had ? And yet ſpeak the Prophets, Chriſts and the Apoſtles words for lucre, but are erred from the Prophets, Chriſt and the Apoſtles Life, doth* Balaams *Aſſe ſpeak better then theſe ?*

A. Yea Child, For God opened his mouth and he rebuked the madneſſe of the Prophet, though he had propheſied true before now; theſe Child, are not come ſo far as he was, who teacheth for filthy lucre, and Divines for money, and Teacheth for the Fleece, and curſes and roars out of their Pulpits againſt thoſe that are contrary minded and led by the Spirit of God.

Q. *Father, How is it that all people generally ſpeaks plural, you to one, and they are taught in the Bible, in the Accidence, and Grammar to ſpeak ſingular, thou to one,*

and

and you to many? Whether or no I, and we are not to obey that which we are taught, and to practice it, and in ſo doing, whether or no I am not to ſpeak ſingular and plural, that is thou to one, and you to many?

A. Yes Child, That is the propereſt ſpeech, you to many, & thou to one; and they that ſpeak contrary have degenerated from their own mothers tongue, whether they be Engliſh, Duch, or high Dutch, French, or Spaniſh, Greek, Latine, or Hebrew, *Nehe.* 2. 5. For the Greek, Latine, and Hebrew, Dutch, French, Spaniſh and Engliſh Bibles, the Language is ſingular and plural, that is, thou to one, and you to many, *Acts* 2. *v.* 4. And this is to be learned and practiced, for if ye go to School, and learn the ſingular and plural, that is thou to one, and you to many, and do not practice it, ye loſe your labour and time.

Q. *Father, They call all Novices, Idiots, and Fools, and unlearned, and unmannerly, that ſaith thou to a particular man or woman, and doth not ſay you to them; And yet our Maſter would have whipt us if we ſhould have ſaid in Latine plural, when we ſhould have ſaid ſingular, and called us fools, &c. Therefore what good doth this learning do*

do us if we muſt not practice ſingular (thou to one) and practice plural, you to many, what good doth the learning of that do? For they that are learned and practice it not, are not they the fools and the novices, and thoſe be unmannerly? For they that practice that which they are taught, theſe are the mannerly people, and are come to diſtinguiſh, Are they not?

A. Yea Child.

Q. *Father, How came up all theſe Names giv n to men and women as Wolves, & Goats, and Dogs, and Heifers and Horſes, and Serpents, and ſuch like?* Eze. 22.27. Mat.7.15. Act. 10.3. Pſal.22.16. Iſa.56.10. Mat.7.6 & Mat. 15.26. Phil. 3.2. Hoſea 10.11. Jer.20. 5.8. Mat.25.32. Zach.33. Mat. 23.33.

A. Child, Since they were out of Truth, ſince man was driven from God, in the tranſgreſſion they are all given ſince the beginning, ſince man loſt the image of God, *Rom.*5.12. 18. But as he cometh up in the image of God again, he cometh out of them, 1 *Cor.* 15. 49. *Rom.* 8. 29. To have a new name in the Lambs book of Life, *Revel.* 21. 27. before the world began. For ſince the beginning that the Image of God was loſt, they have come up, and as man and woman

Women come up in the Spirit of God, out of the tranſgreſſion into Chriſt Jeſus the Image of God, the nature is deſtroyed which the names was too.

Q. *Father, How is it that the people in the World and all mankinde is of ſo many minds?*

A. Child, This is all got up ſince the tranſgreſſion, ſince the beginning, ſince man was drove from God into the earth, and the Image of God loſt, and the life tranſgreſſed. And this is in the ſtate of the firſt *Adam* drove from God, But as man and woman come up into the Spirit of God, 3 *John* 6. 8. which they have tranſgreſſed, and up into Chriſt Jeſus the Power of God, the ſecond *Adam*, the Lord from heaven, *Rom.* 7. 9. *Rom.* 8. 1. 2. 5. 9. 11. which Redeems them out of the Earth where they have been driven, up to God again, to reign upon it, through the Spirit, and the Power of God, they ſhall be brought into one mind, and one ſoul, 1 *Cor.* 15. 47. and one ſpirit and one heart, out of the many, *Revel.* 1. for the many is in the tranſgreſſion of the Spirit of God. And men being out of the Truth, there is many minds; come into Truth again, there

there is but one mind, ſoul and heart.

Q. *Father, They ſay except a man believe in this Catholick faith he cannot be ſaved, which is expreſſed in the Common Prayer Book; and they talk of Trinity in Unity is to be Worſhipped; I find no ſuch words in Scriptures as to Worſhip Trinity in Unity?*

A. No Child, There is not.

Q. *And Father, They tell me of Chriſts humane body, and humane fleſh; doth the Scripture ſpeak of ſuch things, is not his fleſh from above, and doth not Chriſt ſay his fleſh comes from above which was the bread?*

A. Yea Child, It was the firſt *Adam* who was earthly, but the ſecond is Heavenly, and the Scriptures doth not ſpeak of Worſhipping a Trinity, but Worſhipping God who made Heaven and Earth, and it is the Faith that comes from Chriſt the Saviour that ſaves and makes whole, not the faith that men invents and makes.

Q. *Father, Are we to call the dayes by Sunday, and Munday, and Tueſday, and Wedneſday, and Thurſday, and Fryday, and Saturday; did the Saints of old call them ſo, as is ſet down in the Common Prayer Book?*

A. No

A. No Child, They were the Heathen and Apoſtate Chriſtians which hath got up ſince the Apoſtles dayes, who called them the firſt day, the ſecond day, the third, fourth, fifth, ſixth, and ſeventh day, as thou may read in *Gen.* 1. *Chapt.* and ſo all along the Prophets until the Apoſtles dayes, and ſo theſe that calls them otherwiſe are the dark, Ignorant, Apoſtate Teachers and Profeſſors, and Chriſtians that hath not yet left the Heathens nature, and calls the dayes after their fore-fathers, the Heathens, Suns, and Moons, and ſo forth; ſo they have ſhewed their nature, mind, life, and Spirit, not to be like the Prophets nor Apoſtles, though they have got the form of godlineſſe, but denyes their practice, in the naming dayes, in theſe ſmall things, therefore thou maiſt think they are ſhort in the higheſt things, for thou may ſee in this Common-Prayer Book, where their faith is that named theſe dayes after the Sun and Moon, and the Heathen Gods.

Q. *Father, There is a Catechiſm,* viz. *an Inſtruction to be learned by every Child, and in it they ask me what is your name, not what is thy name, and they ask who gave*

you this name, is this ſence Father?

A. No Child.

Q. And Father, *they muſt ſay my God-Fathers and God-mothers in my Baptiſm (and they queſtion ſo as in the plural, & the anſwer is in the ſingular) wherein I was made a member of Chriſt, a Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven; and I do not read that God-fathers, and God-mothers gave children their names in the Scriptures, but ſometimes God did teach them to give them their names, nor I do not read that God had a Father, or a Mother; but are all theſe children made members of Chriſt in their Baptiſme by ſprinkling a little water on them, and children of God, and Inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, and will one child of God call another Heretick, one that is an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven, and kill and ſlay one another about Religion, worſhip, Church and Miniſtry? why do they find fault with any that is Baptized, which by the Catechiſm they are all Inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, and children of God, and Members of Chriſt, this is an undevided body; but now I ſee they are not ſo that are Baptized with water and ſays they are Inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, and ſays they are children of God and members of Chriſt.*

A. Child,

A. Child, Theſe are them that ſayes they are that which they are not, which are the birth born after the fleſh, that cannot put the difference betwixt the ſingular and the plural; They muſt be born again before they can enter into the Kingdom of God, the firſt birth may go into the water, and not be born again, they that are born again are members of Chriſt, who is the image of God, and God did give Names to his People, and teach their Parents to give Names, and the Fathers gave Names, and the Mothers gave Names to children, without God-fathers or God-mothers, or a Prieſt to ſprinkle them; and ſo theſe God-fathers, and God-mothers, and Goſſips, who have given Names, they ſpeak *you* when they ſhould ſpeak *thou*, are got up ſince the Apoſtles days, and are to be ſhunned.

Q. *Father, The God-fathers and God-mothers promiſed three things in the childrens names, That they ſhould forſake the Devil and all his works, The pomps and vanities of this wicked World, And keep Gods Will and Commandments all the dayes of their lives; but I ſee they never hardly look after them, if they did, how would people live in the*

Devils works, and pomps and vanities of the world, and ſinful luſts of the fleſh, if they did, why would people live in the Devils works?

A. Nay Child, They do not that which they promiſe and vow; ſo they are promiſe-breakers and vow-breakers, and them that ſayes and do not; and theſe things have been ſpoken and acted by them which have been out of the fear of God, in the Apoſtacy, from the Apoſtles and Saints.

Q. *And Father, The Prieſts and the Catechiſers ſayes, your God-fathers and God-mothers did promiſe for you that you ſhould keep Gods Commandements, tell me which they be, they promiſed that your children ſhould keep them, and the child anſwers there be ten, and that I muſt not kill, nor ſteal, nor covet, but love the Lord my God, and ſo forth; and keep holy the Sabbath day, and ſix dayes I muſt labour; but how is it that they keep Markets and Fairs upon the Sabbath day, the ſeventh day, and they promiſe and vow that I muſt keep it; And how is it that God-fathers and God-mothers, and Prieſts and Catechizers keeps Markets and Fairs, and keeps Shops open upon the Sabbath day, which is the ſeventh day, who promiſed and vowed*

vowed that I ſhould keep the commands, and they themſelves meet together upon the firſt day, which is one of the ſeven dayes ?

A. Child, This hath been all in the ſtate of ignorance, but now people are coming out of it, to Chriſt the reſt, for the Sabbath day was not ſpoken to the Chriſtians to keep, but to the Jews; ſo the Chriſtians met upon the firſt day of the week, and neither the Chriſtians nor the Jews had God-fathers nor God-mothers to promiſe and vow for their Children, but the Jews was to teach their Children the Law of God, which Chriſt is the end of.

Q. *Father, The Prieſts askes the God-fathers and God-mothers, whether they forſake the Devil and all his works, the vain pomps and glory of the world, all the covetous deſires of the ſame, the carnal deſires of the fleſh, not to be led by them; the God-fathers and God-mothers anſwers and ſayes, I forſake them all; How is it that they all live in them then ?*

A. Child, Theſe are them that ſayes and do not, promiſe and vow and do not perform; for if they which they call God-fathers & God-mothers, and Goſſips did forſake the Devil and all his

his works, and the vain pomps, people would not be pampered up like Horſes and wild Heifers; And if they forſook the glory of the world, they would not be ſo much in vanity; if they forſook all covetous deſires, and all carnal deſires of the fleſh, and not be led by them, we ſhould neither have Teachers, God-fathers nor God-mothers plead for ſin then while they were upon the earth.

THE END.